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FROM THE

INSIDE

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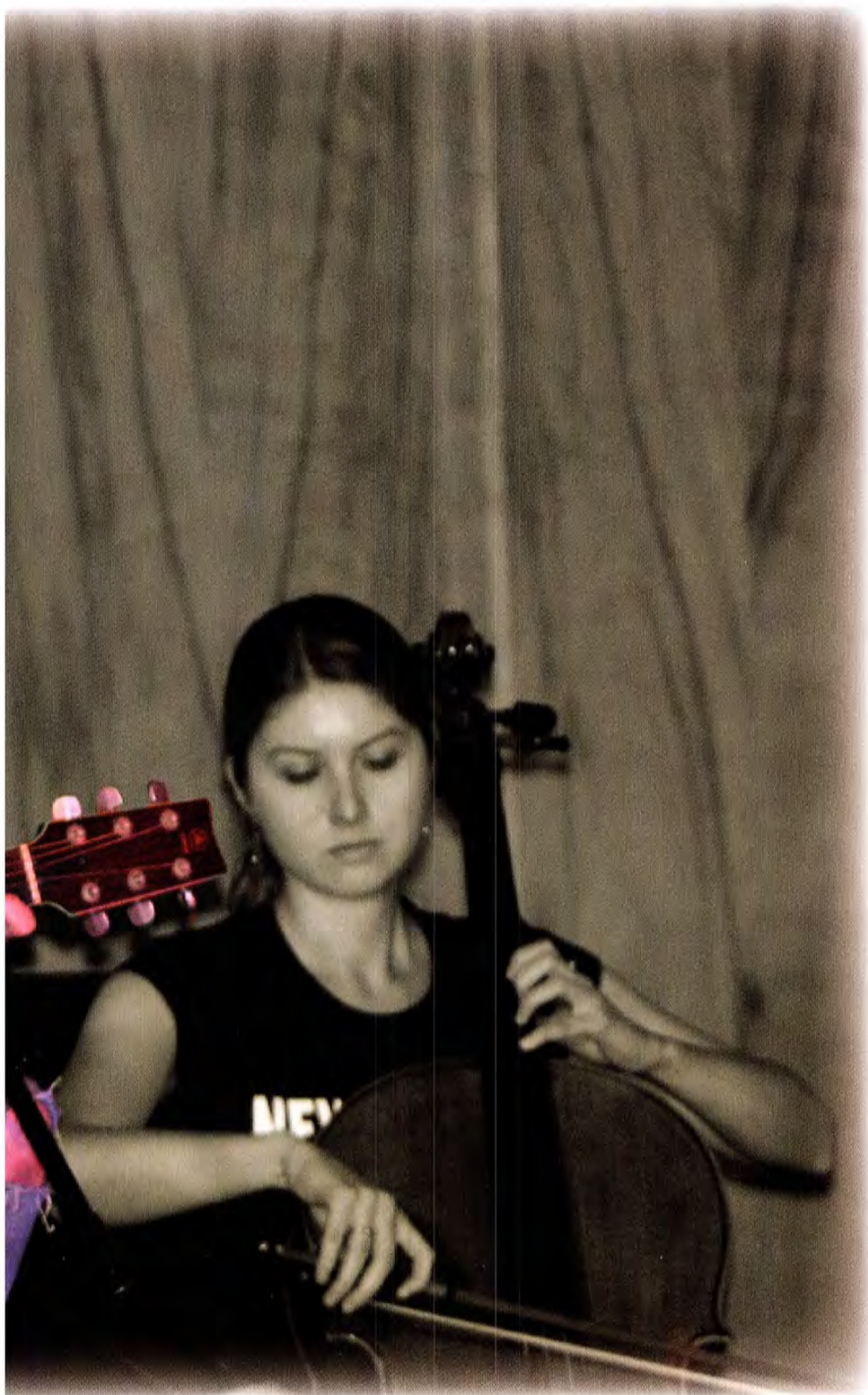


STUDENT LIFE

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# YOUR LIFE

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# HOME AWAY FROM HOME







For many students, living on campus is a way of life at Whittier. Whether living in one of the dorms on the lower campus or up the hill, the daily routines are the same: wake up in the morning, head to the communal bathrooms, greet floor mates, walk to class, get back randomly throughout the day, do homework at some point and spend the rest of the evening with friends. While the dorms may seem weird at first, and moving in on the first day may seem scary, after a while the dorms become home. Your friends become family and the small dorm room becomes

in to an average dorm for lower classmen here on campus. At the top of the hill you can find the prime dorming. First is Turner; the newest of all dorms and consist mostly of junior and seniors. This dorm not only has controllable AC in each room but it offers a spectacular view of the greater Los Angeles area, you can even catch the fireworks from Disneyland. The last of the dorms up the hill is Harris. This particular dorm is made up of four different buildings, each two stories. This dorm has become the spot for community housing which allows friends and sports teams to live on the

## LIFE IN A DORM...

same floor  
together.  
Each  
housing

home away from home, the white walls become full of photos from throughout the year, posters that represent your interests and for some, even Christmas lights adorn the ceilings all year long.

There is a selection of housing options here on campus. For the freshman, many are placed in the new living learning communities between Stauffer and Johnson Hall. Then there is Ball Hall, which used to be the substance-free dorm but now is just another dorm on lower campus. As you head up the hill, Wardman becomes the place for many of the Whittier Scholars on campus. This is the smallest of all dorms and allows for the Scholars to be closer to their work. Also in the middle of the hill is Wanberg, which used to be the all girls dorm which has also be transformed

opportunity allows the students to meet interesting people, expand their horizons and create a family and home away from home.

Over time, some students decide that living off campus may be the best option for some of them, but for many most of their years on campus their home away from home is one of the dorms on campus. Every night and day there is something for the students to do, whether this is a program put on by the RAs or simply just hanging out with their friends after writing a paper or completing some homework assignments. In the end living on campus really gives the students a chance to flourish and become who they want to be.





## Old School Johnny Poet

For decades Whittier has been the home of Johnny Poet, the (one would say) cute mascot; with his triangle hat and large pen, looking as though he is running full charge ahead with his cleats on. This mascot brought smiles to all of our faces. While we may have been voted as worst mascot, those of us that are Poets never had a problem with Johnny and his cartoonish look. Many even compared him to other schools throughout the area or even the nation who, we believe, have worse mascots than we do. But what did students really think about Old School Johnny Poet?

Everyone campus loved him, while we may all have been a little weary of attending a school with

a poet mascot we all grew to love him. Senior Raye Thomas explained that "I thought he looked like Popeye the sailor." While that may be true, his cartoonish look is probably what made so many of the students really embrace the poet in themselves. Senior Emily Friedhoff explained "I love the PEN MAN!" She even explained that she wanted him back. Even freshman liked the old poet, freshman Tessa Padilla said that she "thought he was cute and classical!"

In the end, while we may all have loved the old school Johnny Poet, the school decided he needed to be updated. So in the fall of 2008 students returned to school with a new mascot and the great debate began.

As students returned to campus this year they came across a new school. The campus had begun to be renovated; students were eating in a new building, parking was limited, the old Campus Inn was being torn down and the students had a new mascot. Well, not so much a new mascot as a new face for Johnny Poet. Johnny Poet had been revamped. Johnny Poet was no longer a little character of John Greenleaf Whittier, instead he is in a new face trying to bring to life the new saying "Fear the Poet."

In an attempt to understand what people thought about this new mascot, students were asked and a few were willing to answer. Some commented on his new look, as Raye Raye Thomas explained that he thought the new Johnny looked like Rico Suave. Other students, such as Lesley Cole, explained that "Johnny

Poet might better represent Whittier in the he is now Juan Poet." While others just commented on his "creepy nature." Emily Friedhoff explained that "he looks like a creeper and cost way too much to buy. I want my 'Pen Man' back." Newer students, such as Tessa Padilla, who had never supported the old mascot even explaining that it was "a good attempt at making a poet look intimidating but the end made me think of a person off 48 Mystery."

While there may have been a number of reasons for the new change, many students were shocked to return to see the new mascot posted over the Aquatic Center. For some the new mascot was a good change, it brought a new light to the Poets while others missed the Old Johnny Poet.

## New School Johnny Poet





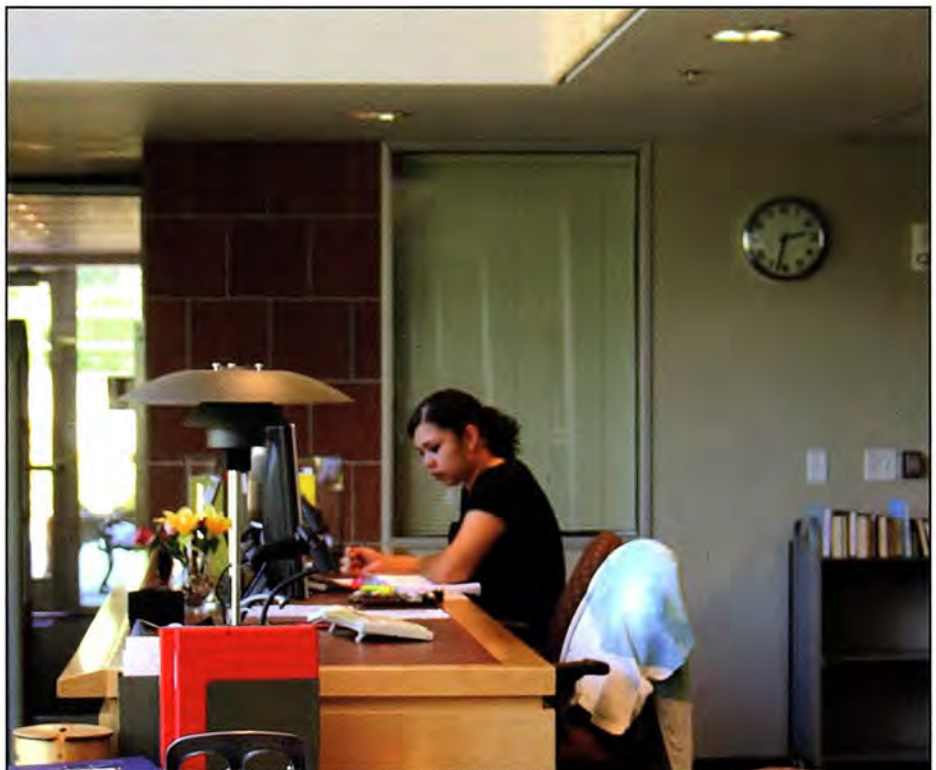
# Working For Whittier

**College students have to earn their money somehow, so why leave campus if you can have a job right outside your dorm room?**

-Sarah McKee '08

In this liberal education atmosphere it seems easy to say "Hey, I don't need money! I'm going to be a creature of the earth and live the natural way!" However, we are here preparing for the real world; the real world costs money. So for most of us, this means getting a job. Working off campus can be difficult and inflexible, that's why work study on campus is the perfect fit for us poor poets. Whether it is to pay your tuition bill or to just have a little more dough in your pocket, students turn to various outlets on campus to employ them and pay the bills.

Personally, I have had the pleasure of working at the library for my time at Whittier. I originally gravitated there first while looking for a job for two reasons: #1: I'm an English major so it makes sense to surround myself with the very things that my education is based around, books, and #2: I heard that was the easiest job on campus and that a typical day was spent doing your homework. However, I soon realized that working in the library was way more complicated than I had originally expected. So many students tend to think that the library is just a place with books on the shelves, but it was really so much more. By working there I learned how campus offices worked, what the circulation rules were, and how to utilize the library in the best and most productive way. I also had the chance to come in close contact and work with some of our faculty and staff which might not have happened had I not held a job on campus. Also, as a commuter, the library staff was the first people on campus to really make me feel welcome and wanted and really part of the poet family. Today, I have great relationships with the staff and other student workers





## If Music be the Food of Love, Play On

Hidden identities, true love, and comedy come together in Shakespeare's *Twelfth Night*

A story of deceit, cross dressing, hidden love, and, of course, piracy - what more could be expected of a Shakespearean play? And you cannot forget a few romances and wedding or two - a signature characteristic of every one of Shakespeare's comedies. The same holds true with the Whittier College production of *Twelfth Night*. A tale of twins separated by a shipwreck, *Twelfth Night* relays the story of Viola, a young lady of aristocratic birth, who cleverly disguises herself as a young male to both protect her virtue and to find sanctuary in a foreign land. While on the island, Viola finds herself at the service of the Duke Orsino, who in turns wishes her to

woo his own love interest, Olivia. Throughout the play, only the audience knows of Viola's true identity and the wonderful twists and turns that unfold because of it.

What was interesting about this production of *Twelfth Night* however, was the time place and setting. Instead of it being the normal rendition in 16th century Illyria, our location changed to the Carrabean in 1928. Because of such a change in venue, not only was the stage set differently, but costumes got an update as well to the well known Roaring Twenties flapper look in the case of Lady Olivia.







**SPEAK YOUR MIND AND  
TELL YOUR STORY**



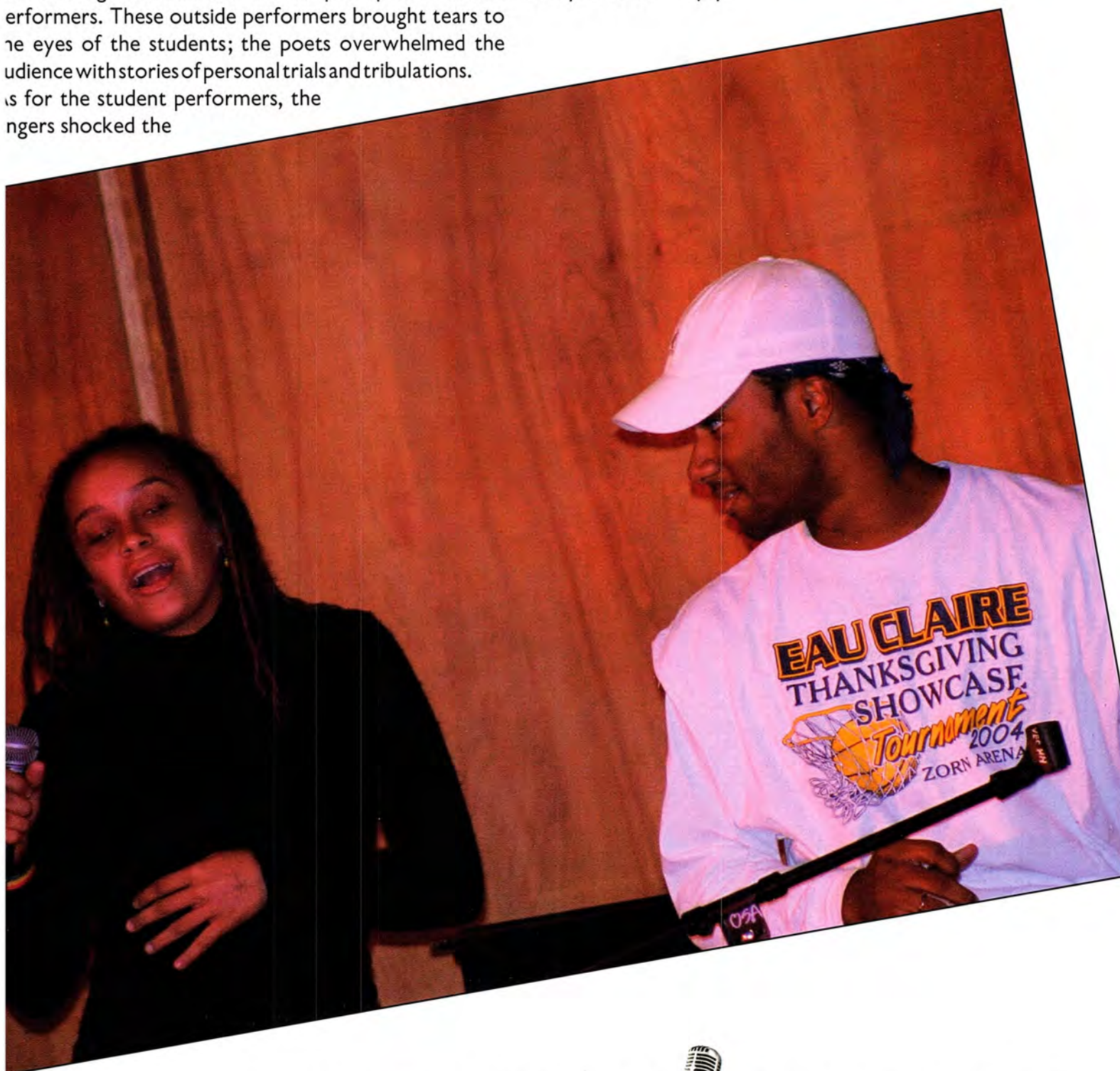


As the school year started, so did the events on campus. One of the first events held on campus this year was Open Mic Night. This allowed all the students on campus, freshman to seniors, even graduates and off-campus performers to take to the mic and do what they do. From some, that was singing a self-written song, or maybe it was playing an instrument. For others it was performing a written piece. But in any case, the audience was stunned as each person took to the mic.

Some of the most outstanding performers of the evening included the off-campus spoken words performers. These outside performers brought tears to the eyes of the students; the poets overwhelmed the audience with stories of personal trials and tribulations. As for the student performers, the singers shocked the

students with their voices and their personal written words dedicated to family members.

The Open Mic Night went late into the hours, starting at 7 and ending around 11 pm. For many the time passed quickly, they did not realize how late it had gotten, as they were enthralled in the performances throughout the evening. The Open Mic Night allowed students to have a chance to get their voices heard and it allowed them to show Whittier that they were more than just students they were artists and had a gift that everyone could enjoy.



OPEN  NIGHT



# Cha~cha~chanqin!

## **Greenleaf Gallery exhibitions add an ever changing face to Mendenhall.**

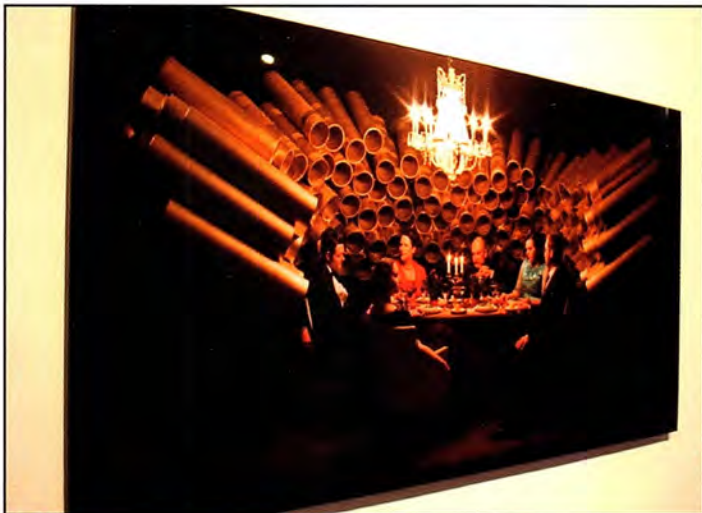
Located on the first floor of Mendenhall (where you can also find the Business and Registrar's Offices), you can find an art gallery that always has something to offer. Functioning both as an educational forum and as a picture not only of Whittier student and professor art, but also art of rising and prominent artists, the Greenleaf Gallery changes about once every month.

This past October, the Greenleaf Gallery was home to the

artwork of Whittier alumni and professors as a forum to introduce students to contemporary art, bringing in emerging and established artists along with the exhibit for campus lectures. One of these artists included April Liu '99 whose photographs depicted the dying culture of the cities surrounding the Three Gorges Dam in China whose flooding has displaced and caused the forced relocation of over 2 million people because of its toxicity. Other works shown included those by Matthew Rodela '00 and Associate Professors of Art Endi Poskovic and David Sloan.

The photographs below are

an example of the exhibit finding home in the Greenleaf Gallery from February 28 to April 8 and is entitled "The Listening Array." The work of husband and wife artist-partnership, Megan and Murray McMillan, "The Listening Array" is a collaboration of videos, photographs, and other installations which incorporate elements of both performance and structure. "The Listening Array" is a study in the small personal interactions that influence the larger world in more impactive ways, a concept influenced by Reagan-Cold War era social politics and the ideas of social class and structure in all societies.





elow: The new prominent feature outside Hoover Hall, the Arch Model 1977 is a piece by Israel Hadany and as many have noticed, "changes shape" depending on how your perception.



The Nine Rod Tonal Structure (above) and the Two Rod Tonal Structure (left) have created a lot of intrigue to Whittier students and faculty with their whimsical chimes when swaying.

Upon returning to campus this past Fall, students and faculty alike were greeted by three new art pieces on the lower quad and outside of Hoover Hall. All donated by the Philip and Muriel Berman Foundation in Allentown, Pennsylvania, the sculptures add new life and spirit to the Whittier campus. In between the library and Hoover, the prominent red Arch Model 1977 by sculptor Israel Hadany pops against the bright green grass. And as the semester went on, faculty, students, and visitors alike began to notice how the Arch Model never seems to take the same shape twice. Depending on where you stand and the time of day, the Arch Model takes on a different look from a standard arch, twisted ribbon.

The second piece outside of Hoover is the Nine

Rod Tonal Structure by Willy Breuggman. While it may look like a simple set of nine metal rods, the sculpture is much more complicated. Not only does it stand tall and is a prominent feature in the Hoover courtyard, but it also contains a touch of mystery as to what it really is. Students have discovered that when moved around, the metal rods

chime together much like a wind chime and the same can be said of it's companion piece on the South side of the Library, the Two Rod

Tonal Structure by an unknown artist.

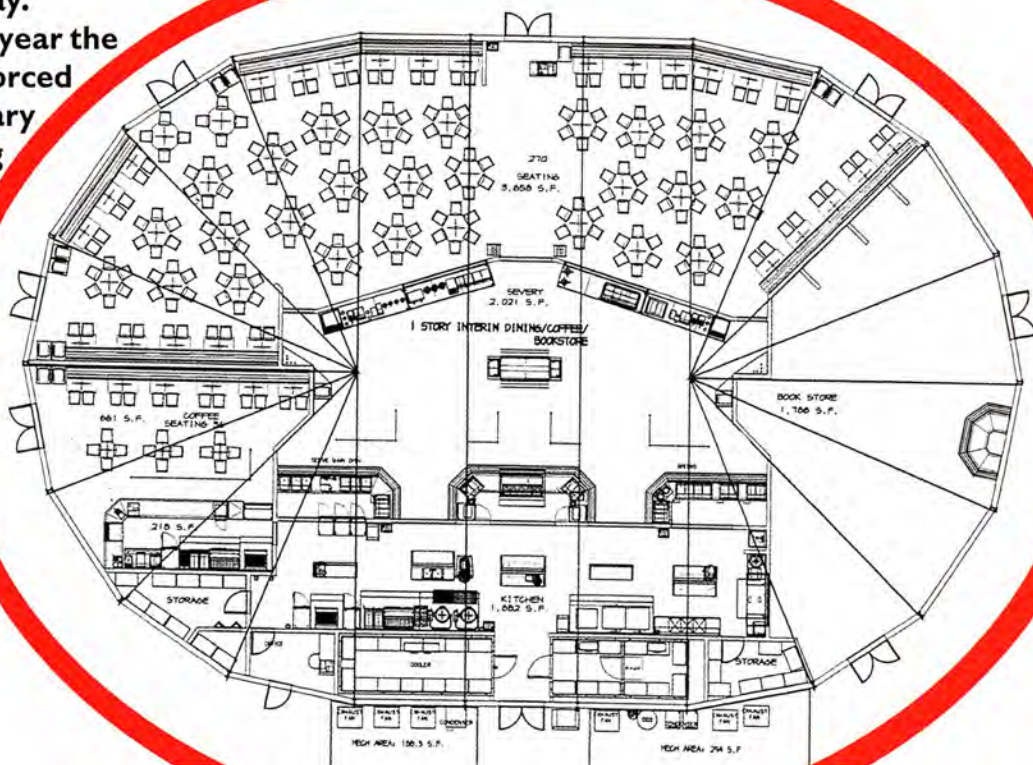
The appearance of the new art on campus is a reminder that art does not always need a purpose, it does not always need a meaning; sometimes art is created, just for arts sake.

## Art for Arts Sake



The other big change that has come from building the new T.I. is that all of the meals are eaten on paper plates and plastic utensils are provided instead of silverware. For this reason there was much controversy about the amount of trash that began to accumulate. This had students asking for better and more eco-friendly containers; however, after research it turns out that the corn starch boxes are not as eco-friendly as one would think. Having to create the cornstarch in one country, ship it to China and then back the US actually creates a bigger impact on the environment than our trash and the Styrofoam containers. Even so, students began to take their food to go on the paper plates.

For one school year the students were able forced to eat in a temporary structure in a parking lot, but they made the most of it, and in the end the transition was not as hard as it would have seemed.







## *T.I. not holding your fancy? Head to The Spot.*

As the sprung structure was being built, many student worried about the size and that there was not going to be enough room to fit the C.I., the bookstore and the Spot. But it worked and the students once again have the added comfort of knowing that The Spot is another option for food.

However, as of JanTerm, the Spot hours were changed. No longer is the Spot open for breakfast and dinner on Fridays and it is closed all day on Saturday. These new hours seemed to affected a lot of the students. Some students really enjoy the breakfast at the spot, especially the breakfast burritos. And the new weekend hours seem to frustrate some of the students because the food that is served on the weekend seems to take a back seat. With nacho bars, or baked potato bars the Spot was a place that

students could make sure they got decent meal.

The hours are not the only major changes to the Spot this year. There have been some changes to The Spot menu as well. There is a new meatball sub and a chipotle chicken sandwich that many students have come to enjoy. Also, vegetarian students can enjoy the fact that soy meat can be added to any of their Mexican food dishes. Also, added to the menu are new flavors of smoothies, but in exchange for the smoothies it seems as if the students have lost their beloved Tornados: the mixture of frozen yogurt and candy car bits.

While it seems like every aspect of food has changed this year on campus the students have made the best of it and they have enjoyed the staffs ability to make the transition as easy as possible.



# Under Construction

**New horizons appear in the Whittier landscape with the building of the new Campus Center.**

- Barney Peake, Director of Office of Student Activities

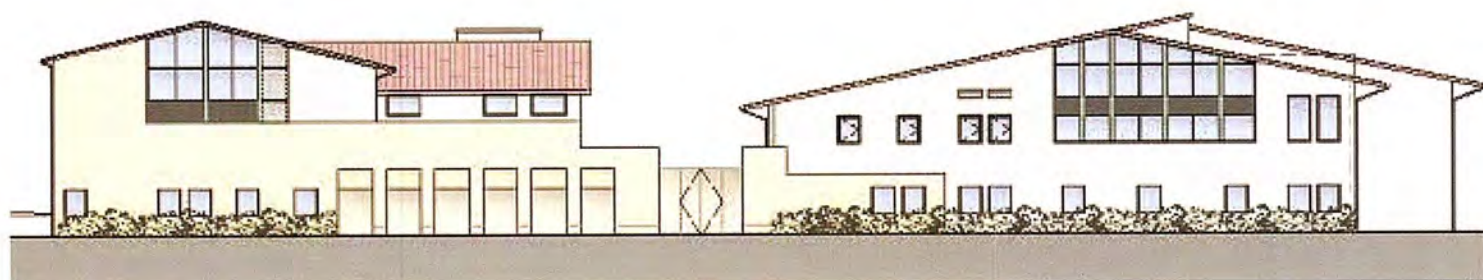
A large piece of the Whittier College campus has been transformed with wood framing, concrete block, and piles of earth where an extensive renovation and new construction project is underway. The Whittier College Campus Center is scheduled to open this Fall for the start of the new academic year and we could not be more excited for a new look, centralized student services, and greatly improved facilities for campus events! The project includes a renovation of the dining facilities (both the Campus Inn dining hall and The Spot cafe and grill), the student publications and government offices, and student programming spaces like The Club. In

addition, the new facility will house several Student Life offices like the Cultural Center, Dean of Students, Residential Life, Career Services and Off-campus Programs, and Student Activities. The project also includes a large conference hall that will service as a location for campus and community events and meetings.

The faculty, administration and students have been working hard in planning and designing the Campus Center for the past five years. Whittier College has never had a student union or a central location where students, faculty, staff, alumni, and guests of the College could come together as a community. The Campus Center promises to do just that. Much like our beautiful library (renovated just a few years ago) represents the intellectual center of the College, the Campus Center will be the heartbeat and the hub of student life at Whittier College.







Painter Street Elevation



South Elevation- Building A





# Firestorm 2007

**Each year, Southern California is threatened by fires but what happens when the fire is at your backdoor?**

Fires seem to be a fact of living in Southern California; the sweltering heat, dry climate, and small amount of rainfall each year makes this the “perfect” place for wildfires. Unfortunately, this year the fires got out of hand and affected us in ways we could never have even imagined.

Senior Heidi Rohling recounts her haunting phone call: “I had a missed call from my mom during my chemistry class. When I checked the message I thought it was going to be a sweet ‘hello’ message, instead it said she had been evacuated. They were staying in a hotel in downtown. I just sort of freaked; what was I supposed to do?” For Heidi, who lives in one of the areas hit hardest by the fires, flames got within hundreds of feet of her home. Unfortunately, hers was not the only house that was affected by the fires. Multiple students got the haunting phone calls from family members asking “what do you want me to take out of your room?” This is possibly the hardest question to answer; if you only had minutes what would you save? For many it was photographs, childhood keepsakes; it was the irreplaceable stuff.

For other students the distance was too much, many went home to San Diego to help their families evacuate. But for some the distance was to extreme. Senior Jennifer Tennille was studying abroad in New Zealand at the time. “It was so hard, I was out of it. I sort of just locked myself in my room watching news coverage on CNN.com reading news reports and talking to my mom on SKYPE. That is, until they got evacuated. Then I just waited for email updates, it was so hard to be so far away. But in the end everything turned out for the best, my family and home were safe.” For junior Sarah Miranda, whose father is a San Diego firefighter, distance was also an issue as well. “It’s hard enough being in Whittier when my dad is fighting fires but this year we were at a conference in Washington D.C. I called everyday to check in, but the craziest part was flying to D.C., we left at night so when we took off and looked out the windows from the plane we could see the fires from the air. It looked like everything was on fire.”







## From Behind the Fire Engine

Sarah Miranda & her father Captin Danny Miranda

My father has been a member of the San Diego Fire Department for over twenty years. Every year I see him called out to strike teams and brush rigs to help save the homes of thousands of San Diego Country residents. But what strikes me most about my father is his bravery. He and his comrades will always remind me that it is their job to go and fight fires. But something about this fire season was different. The fires were more intense and more than ever before San Diego

firefighters were fighting to save their own homes.

When I ask my father what he what effects him most about his job, about fighting wildfires he has this to say: "Every fire season, we find ourselves out there fighting on brush rigs and leaving our families, but it never becomes any easier to see families lose their homes and see their whole lives disappear. The minutes it starts to become normal and not affect you, that's when you should find a new career."



On behalf of the Acropolis, we would like to the San Diego Fire Department for providing us with photographs and we would like to thank all the men and women who fought to keep our homes and families safe this past fire season.





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# YOUR EDUCATION

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# Climbing the Great Wall of China

One student's story of her Janterm trip abroad

-Julia Chow '09

If you are going to highlight sentences and phrases, I suggest you do it throughout. It's quite abrupt if it starts this far in.

When I got an e-mail saying I had been accepted to the Trip to China Jan-term class I was thrilled. Although I am from Hong Kong, I've never been to mainland China before. Before I went to China, I had changed my major under the Whittier Scholars Program because I felt like the stuff I was learning wouldn't pertain to my goals in life and the ones I wanted to accomplish during my college years. I changed my major to Chinese culture and history studies and my minor to Sociology and Education; and so, going to China for January was very valuable in helping me gather data for my senior project.

When the time came to start our Jan-term class, I was both nervous and scared because I didn't really know anyone in the class and secondly, because I was going to go to China for the first time. Professor DaRoza and Professor Holmes explained the itinerary of our trip and



the things we needed to learn about China the first week before we left. What made this trip even more memorable to me was that the day before we left it was my 21st birthday, so I spent the first week of being 21 in China, which was a once in a lifetime opportunity.

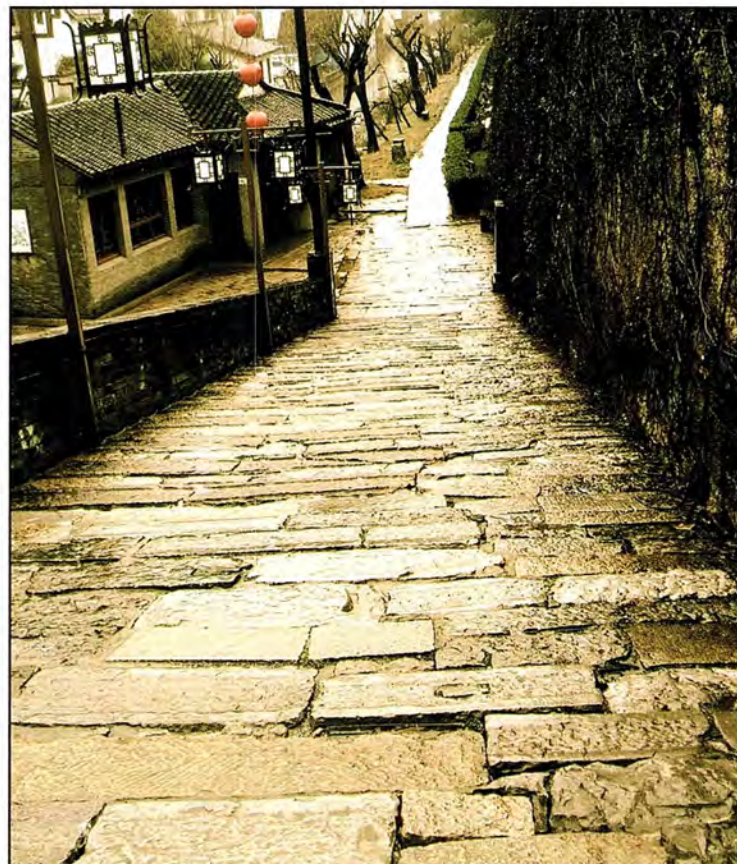
After a 15-hour plane ride, we arrived in China. We did a tour of some of the major cities and culturally famous sites of China within our trip, which included Beijing, Shanghai, and Wuxi. One of the main things China is known for is the Great Wall. We climbed the Great Wall in Beijing and the experience was one I will never forget. It was cold up in the mountains, but once you started to climb, you got hot because you were going up on an incline. It is so hard! I could imagine how the soldiers who were trying to invade China felt when they were trying to climb the wall. We also visited many beautiful temples, gardens, and the Summer and Imperial Palace, places I would never have thought I'd see in real life. We also had a chance to see the making of some of the traditional artistic handiwork that the Chinese are known for, such as: silk making, embroidery, pearl harvesting, and tea making.

Although the Great Wall was such an amazing experience, I would have to say my favorite part of the trip was when we visited the mountains where we saw the making of famous Chinese teas. The scenery was like a painting and it smelled so good from the mountains full of young tea leaves growing out of the rich soil. The tea was of course, amazing, and I enjoyed every single drop of it.

I've learned a lot from this trip, from making a bunch of new friends to learning about Chinese history and culture to learning about who I am from a cultural and historical background. I am so glad I went on this trip. I want to thank Professor DaRoza, Professor Lee, and Professor Holmes, and of course, Whittier College for letting our class become what will forever be known as the First Poets in China in January 2008.







# The International Student

Who says you need to stay in Whittier over Janterm when you can go around the world.

Traditionally, students tend to think that you need to stay on campus over Jan-term, attending class in the same buildings we frequent throughout the rest of the year. But once we start looking at the course schedule and once we start to read the flyers posted around school, such preconceived notions are no longer true. While many students still decide to stay on campus over Jan-term to remain with friends or to be involved with pledging to a society, more students are traveling around the world in specialized classes created by Whittier professors.

This Jan-term saw the first school sponsored trip to China, a class in Italy studying art and culture, a poetry workshop in Mexico, and biology and plant research in South Africa. In an ever moving and international world, it not only makes sense that such opportunities are made for students who either can't study abroad for a whole semester or who want more chances to study abroad and experience life outside of the United States.

Many of the new Jan-term classes are linked to a Fall course taught by the same professor or professors who will accompany the students in January. These linked classes prepare students for what is to come. They learn about the history of various countries they may visit; studying about

their historical significance and acquainting themselves more with each country's culture and ways of living. The class links also allow the students and professors to get to know each other before they head overseas, allowing a bond to form when some might feel homesickness or apprehension when placed in a new environment.

But if staying in Whittier is more to your liking there are classes which allow you to not only explore the life and cultures in the Los Angeles area, but classes are also offered that bring students down to the Mexican-American border to witness how life is for those living "in-between" countries.

Likewise, each Jan-term new classes are created and offered to tempt students to subjects they might not otherwise be able to study during the traditional school year. Chemistry professor Dr. Bell offered a class this year entitled "Medicine and Culture," specializing in the varying medical and medicinal techniques of cultures around the world and how they differ from traditional western medicine. So even when you least expect it, a class on the Whittier College campus can sweep you away to another time or another place, offering you new experiences and insight to life beyond the campus grounds.



# ***Where in the World are . . .***

● Whittier College



Some of the places you can find us:

Argentina  
Australia  
Costa Rica  
Egypt  
England  
Germany  
Italy  
India  
Japan  
Spain  
South Africa  
New Zeland





# Whittier College Students?

## Life as a Kiwi:

### Studying Abroad in Auckland, New Zealand

-Jennifer Tennille '08

I was terrified. I was so scared to leave my family, my friends, and everything familiar to me for a whole semester; and yet I also was so excited to go, I mean, how could I not love what I was getting myself into? Now that I look back on it, I don't know how I could go on through life without having the experience I did. The only thing I regret is not going abroad for a whole year. New Zealand is amazing and I knew the moment I arrived in Auckland that I would fall in love with it. Needless to say, I did, and boy did I fall hard. It is the most gorgeous, uncorrupted, pristine, and diverse place I have ever been.

For example, we hiked through a rainforest to get to Fox Glacier, and while eating a PB & sandwich we admired the Tasman Sea... where else can you do that? Not only did I glacier hike, but also went caving in Waitomo, Zorbing, sailing on Lake Taupo, hiked 3 volcanoes, did lugging in Queenstown, surfed at Piha and Raglan, watched the All Blacks in a rugby match, did a 4-day tramp combining kayaking and hiking, got our rental car attacked by a Kea bird the size of a parrot, ran across the Auckland Harbor bridge for the Half Marathon, boat cruised Milford Sounds and Bay of Islands, and took tons of weekend road trips. Not to mention, I never got to bungee jump (New Zealand is where they invented it), sky dive, and surf on huge dunes, white water rafting, or do a flying fox. The country is all about being active and being outdoors, which is one of the many reasons I love this country. Not only can you have so much fun, but also the people that you encounter are the sweetest people ever. They wanted to know all about you, would take the time to chat with you, and did I mention they have awesome accents? The pace of life is slow and relaxed, even though I was in a huge city. There were definitely things I had to get use to, like driving on the other side of the road, kiwi lingo and other phrases, and random other culture shock moments. The things that I walked away with will be with me forever. Not only did I have to adapt to my new foreign surroundings but through that I found myself, as corny as that sounds. I have so much confidence in myself because I actually did it, I lived in a foreign country for 5 months, I cooked all my own meals, rented cars, booked plane tickets, and figured out a university of 35,000 people. Studying abroad was unbelievable... so amazing, that you shouldn't be surprised if I tell you I'm moving.





# Student Achievements

## Whittier students shine at the SCCUR Conference and are honored with the Nixon Fellowship

### Nixon Fellowship

-Nicole Greer '08

The Nixon Fellowship Program was created both to remember former president Richard Nixon's affiliation with Whittier College (Nixon graduated from Whittier in 1934) and to allow selected students to explore, research, and learn about a wide variety of issues and topics related in some way to Nixon. In order to become a Nixon Fellow, a student must meet the requirements of the application, propose both an internship and research project, and be reviewed by the Fellowship Board. Accepted students win a scholarship and the opportunity to do their proposed course of action. The fellowship is a year long commitment with various obligations and a final presentation. It is really very broad in scope- students can do anything from attend the presidential inauguration to writing a business plan.

My Nixon Fellowship stayed very connected to Nixon. I interned at the Richard M. Nixon Presidential Library and Museum in Yorba Linda as a National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) intern. As an archives intern, I assisted in the historic transfer of Nixon materials from the privately run Nixon Foundation to the government run NARA in 2007. In addition, I digitized documents for an online database, assisted staff with the establishment of the Nixon research room, and, well, made lots of copies. **It was a wonderful experience and I learned valuable information about the preservation of information and the importance of easily accessible documents.** For the second part of my

Fellowship, I performed a small survey of Whittier College students and faculty about their knowledge and opinion of Nixon's legacy at Whittier College. Ninety students and 10 faculty/staff participated. Virtually everyone knew who Nixon was (99 of 100) and nearly all (97 of 100) knew Nixon graduated from Whittier. Foreign policy was ranked higher than domestic policy which is interesting because scholars tend to believe Nixon was a better domestic president. Fill in responses may answer this because most people did not list significant domestic achievements and they recall Watergate most frequently. China was listed as his best foreign policy achievement. As to the participants themselves, generally males responded to Nixon more favorably than females and mean score of Nixon tended to improve with age/class standing. I also found that only forty percent of those surveyed felt proud Nixon was a Whittier grad, which is interesting. I think Nixon is a complicated figure with many different qualities (both good and bad) and a people's feelings about him will always be mixed. Sometimes it was hard to stay objective since everyone has their own opinions, but I feel this project was an effort at professional objectivity (at least, as objective as a human being can be). Overall, I really enjoyed my fellowship. I did explore, research, and learn in ways that expanded my mind.





## SCURR Conference

-Elizabeth Colen '08

A multitude of students were given the opportunity to present their undergraduate research at the Southern California Conference of Undergraduate Research this fall. Some presented ongoing research while others presented research that they had done for a class project. More importantly the Whittier students presented material from all disciplines from history to art and sociology to biology. While Whittier may not be a huge research institution, there were more students from Whittier at the SCCUR conference than from larger institutions from the area.

Personally, the SCCUR conference was an amazing opportunity. For my historical methods class I had to write a twenty-five page self-researched paper utilizing both primary and secondary sources. In the end, Professor McEnaney asked me to submit the paper to the SCCUR conference and to my surprise and delight it was accepted. This was just the beginning, one of my peers, Nicole Greer was also accepted to the conference and for weeks we spent hours reformatting our papers and turning them into an oral presentation. We reread each others paper, broke them down and stood in front of each other practicing our presentation. **When the day finally came it was great to see my peers from all disciplines get the opportunity to show the world, or Southern California, what we had spent hours upon hours working on in our corner of Los Angeles.**

Congratulations to all students who had the opportunity to present at SCCUR, JOB WELL DONE!!



## Learning the Greek Alphabet

Honor societies on campus join the Whittier population to the greater academic world

Have you ever wondered what the decorative cords or sashes are worn by seniors at graduation? Why are they all different colors? Why do some students only have one while others have four, five, six, or more? In fact, many of those gown decorations are a sign of the students' accomplishments on campus: their leadership, dedication, and application to their classes resulting in prime grades. Originally, Whittier College took no part in the nationally recognized Honor Societies.

However, today every student is eligible to be inducted into one, that is as long as they meet the requirements. Currently, Whittier College has one leadership society: Omicron Delta Kappa which recognizes those who have obtained a high standard of efficiency in collegiate activities from all areas including athletics and the arts. Likewise, Whittier has thirteen academic honor societies on campus for those meeting the requirements in: anthropology, business, chemistry, education, English, history, kinesiology, physics, political science, psychology, social work, Spanish, and theater. Depending on the honor society, there are a variety of requirements to fulfill in

order to be "tapped" and inducted. This can include an overall GPA of a certain amount, a minimum of two or more classes of upper division level, and certain grades in those upper division classes. Students are tapped every Fall and Spring to join the societies and the honor of being a member can be recognized not only at graduation, but beyond into the world after college.

However, if being a member of honor society is not for you, or perhaps is not enough, there are other academic honors available at Whittier if only you try hard enough. There are three levels of Honors At Commencement at Whittier: cum laude, magna cum laude, and summa cum laude. and are based on a student's GPA. In order to graduate cum laude you need to achieve an overall GPA of 3.70-3.79; magna cum laude a GPA of 3.8-3.89; and for summa cum laude a GPA of 3.90 and above. In addition to these honors, anyone with a GPA of 3.70 with 12 credits per semester receive the honor of being on the Dean's List. So while school may be full of fun and games, it definitely pays off to do the homework, attend class, and study for those tests.



# *There aren't just college students here . . .*



*"The Broadoaks Children's School is an academic program at Whittier College. The school's mission is to provide a model of excellence in the care and education of children between 2 and 14 years of age and to create a dynamic center for the study of children, their education, their social worlds, and their overall well-being."*



## ***The Broadoaks Children's School***

Every day Whittier students are reminded that they are not the only students on this campus. Whittier is home to another set of students: the students of Broadoaks Children's School. This is the pre-k through 6th grade school located just across Philadelphia behind Philly House. Most days on campus children's laughter can be heard coming from the upper quad or the library lawn. The students can be seen playing soccer or frisbee or simply running around. They seem to remind us college students of a simpler time, when life was not ruled by running from class to class, worry about papers or midterms and whether or not you have clean socks for tomorrow. Who doesn't wish that we could all spend the afternoon playing capture the flag instead of sitting through another class? These kids seem to bring a smile to our faces even if for that simple moment that we can hear their laughter.

Broadoaks has been located on Whittier's campus since 1945 and since then it has been a permanent department of Whittier College. The school serves over 300 students as well as providing

Whittier students with a plethora of opportunities. Broadoaks not only offers students an opportunity to fulfill workstudy hours but it also provides students the opportunity to work in the classroom amongst the children to gain experience. Whittier students who are part of a wide spectrum of majors, including social work, psychology and child development take advantage of the experience that Broadoaks provides. Broadoaks also allows students the opportunity to observe classes as well as work one on one with students to gain experience in their field. Not only does Broadoaks provide an exceptional education for its students it aids in the education of the Whittier population as well.





# ASPECT

*"ASPECT is an international organization allowing students from around the world to study abroad in countries such as the US, Canada, England and Australia with a focus on learning the English language."*

Kaplan Aspect are also involved in Whittier College clubs and sometimes sit in on classes. Part of the cultural exchange between the two schools has been in Whittier College students' participation in Kaplan Aspect's Conversation Partner program and Kaplan Aspect's participation at the French Table. Many of Kaplan Aspect's students assimilate well with Whittier College culture and make lasting relationships with the university students. While a number of students return home, many choose to stay in the United States to further their education and careers. For all, Whittier College remains their first impression of American life.

but American culture. Students come from all over the world, with the majority from Japan, France, Korea, Brazil, China and Turkey. Although the school lies hidden behind the construction in the Redwood Building on Earlham Drive, the students are ever present on campus. For many of them, their first and most exciting introduction to college life is their participation as part of the "Off-Campus" teams in Sportsfest. Kaplan Aspect students





# Poetry, Fiction, & the Stage

Al Young, Ray Bradbury, and Lisa Wolpe capture Whittier's attention.

At the 2007 Whittier Writer's Festival we were visited and treated to the work and stories of a poet laureate, a legendary writer, and a talented Shakespearean actress turned actor. In revealing stories about their lives, writing techniques, and experiences, the Whittier community was opened up to a new world of possibilities and ideas to inspire us in our own writings and aspirations in the field of English literature and drama.



Starting off the festival, California Poet Laureate Al Young explained that no matter how trivial you may think your writing is, it always has an effect on someone, somewhere down the line. You remember events as you experienced them; your viewpoint is unique, so why not share them. In his keynote address, Young stated that it is "cheaper to get 'locked up' than to go to school by \$2,000 for it costs roughly \$38,000 per capita in the state of California to keep someone in a federal prison. He thought it only appropriate to mention to the college crowd before him of the money they would save if they were in jail instead. As he continued, Young spoke of the importance of using words in your own, individual manner. There is no use in trying to use language in a way in which you don't understand. In staying true to yourself, not only will you understand your writing more, but those who read it will too.

Ray Bradbury, who was the featured speaker of the Writer's Festival, drew a crowd from both the college, but also the surrounding Whittier community. While most in attendance had read *Fahrenheit 451*, Bradbury spoke of many of his other writings. He opened his speech with these words, "I remember being born. I know that is weird, but it's true." Bradbury claimed to remember everything from his birth, which was only a symbol of how much he would remember from his rich and full

life in his later years, of which he told numerous stories. However, while Bradbury may have started

**"Likes to write, is a good actor, and is headed for literary brilliance."**

**• Ray Bradbury's self proclaimed senior yearbook quote**

writing early in his life but it wasn't until his middle years that his writing became nationally known. "My beginning came from writing a book I hadn't known I'd written yet," said Bradbury as he commented on *The*

*Martian Chronicles*, a series of seven short stories a book editor recommended he place together to become one, single novel.







Rounding out this year's Writer's Festival Lisa Wople Wople spoke of how important playing male roles has been for her in Shakespearean theater. Having already played almost every leading male role in Shakespeare, she feels as if she is opening up a whole new world to the young, female actresses, helping them understand that no role is out of their reach. When asked what the most influential or important role she has played has been, Wople replied after a moment of contemplation, Shylock from *The Merchant of Venice*. For in that role she felt a closer connection to her father, who in fact was a surviving Jew from the Holocaust in World War Two.

## The Little Rock Nine 51 Years Later

Terrance Roberts speaks to Whittier students on his work with the desegregation of schools and his views of the progress of racial tolerance.

September 4, 1957 marked a day those living in Little Rock, Arkansas would never forget. Crossing boundary lines, the black students made history as they walked toward Central High School, the city's well-to-do white school; they made it their mission to begin the desegregation of schools in Little Rock. One of those individuals was Terrance Roberts, a young black man who wanted the opportunity to turn race aside and receive the same education and opportunities as his white counterparts.

And while today schools for the most part are desegregated, Terrance Roberts believes the United States still faces a huge racial problem as expressed in his talk with Whittier College students, faculty, and students from Road Oaks Children's School.

"Race does not exist," said Dr. Roberts, "instead it only exists politically, economically, and historically; we created it, and now we need to erase it. You can't color code people!" and as one Whittier student asked, "How long did it take your school to get 'normal' after desegregation?" Dr. Roberts explained that we're still working on it, even today American schools are trying to alleviate desegregation and racial tensions in the school system. Dr. Roberts called for everyone to stop looking at a person because of their skin color, their ethnicity, or personal views which don't match up with your own thoughts. Instead, he asked for his listeners to see each other as people; "we're all the same," he said, "on the inside I look just like you and everyone else in this room."







# The New Face of Johnson House

2008 marks the opening of Whittier's new Alumni House

Many Whittier students have always known Johnson House to be one of the three Faculty Master Houses on campus. But over the past few years, changes have been thought of and have taken place in the small house connected to the Freshman residence hall. The Alumni class of 1957 raised money over the past years in order to help create and sponsor an Alumni House on the Whittier College campus. Tuesday, November 14, 2007 saw the grand opening of the new Whittier Alumni House.

Combined with a Freshman Pasta Dinner served by Whittier Alumni, students, faculty, and Freshman OWLs and mentors were welcomed to take tours through Johnson House and had the chance to talk to Whittier grads. Whittier Alum Jose

Castillas, class of 1987, is the current head of the Whittier Alumni organization and presented English professor Sean Morris and his family as the new faculty master of the Alumni House.

While the Johnson House will be used for as a

resting place for visiting Alumni in the reserved Alumni guest room, various Alumni meetings and events, the home will still be host to various events held by Professor Morris and other faculty on campus. Professor Morris, an avid enthusiast of Beowulf, Chaucer, the Lord of the Rings and the Harry Potter series already had a score of even planned including a sponsored trip to the local showing of

the 2007 film rendition of Beowulf, a student and faculty conversation about Shakespeare including how to create Shakespearean insults, the opening of Twelfth Night, as well as game and movie nights, and let's not forget the Victorian Era ghost stories.

Accompanying the opening of Alumni House was also a presentation of the coveted "Shoes." In tradition started in 193 when the #15's shoes

were initially stolen, the annual competition between Occidental and Whittier began in 1940. 2007 marked an especially important year for the football team for after seven year absence, the Shoes are back on Whittier turf.





# Faculty on Campus

What it is like living and raising a family on a college campus?

From the poet to the actress, Garrett House has a new family inside

Over the year, students have started to notice that Garrett House is not only home to Theater Performance Professor Jennifer Holmes, but also to her young son who attends Broadoaks Elementary. The only remaining Faculty Master House on the lower campus with the conversion of Johnson House, Garrett House offers incoming Freshman an up close and personal insight to this unique campus feature.

When asked about why she enjoys being a Faculty Master, Professor Holmes replied, "I enjoy living on campus and feeling part of the campus culture, collaborating with colleagues and students on co-curricular programming, and how the warm, intimate space of a home contributes to conversations. People often thank me for the use of 'my' home, but I feel really LUCKY to be in Garrett House. I don't think that it's MY home at all, it's more like bur' home."

Over the past year, a variety of events were held at Garrett House including luncheons and dinners with writers and poets such as Ray Bradbury, artists, and theatrical performers.



Hartley House may be "up the hill," but it is not forgotten

Likewise, Garrett House has also played an important part in extracurricular activities around campus, housing movie showings for groups like OMEP and as a location for various brown bag lunches with the History Department. Hartley House may be "up the hill," but it is not forgotten Home to Kinesiology Professor Patricia Van Oosbree, Hartley House is nestled between the Athletic Center and Wanberg Residence Hall.

While Hartley House is the only faculty master house up the hill, it still plays host to many events throughout the semester. If you think you're alone on campus for Thanksgiving, you're wrong; every year Hartley House plays host to a campus-wide Thanksgiving Day meal for those who couldn't go home over the short weekend break. With everything from the traditional Thanksgiving turkey, mashed potatoes, and all the fixings (as well as vegetarian dishes) there is something for everyone, and we all know how a slice of pie can wash away those homesick blues.

They also open their house to a number of student groups here on campus. Honor societies have dinner throughout the year on the back patio of this wonderful house. One dinner that was housed this year at Hartley was the history dinner for seniors graduating within the discipline.





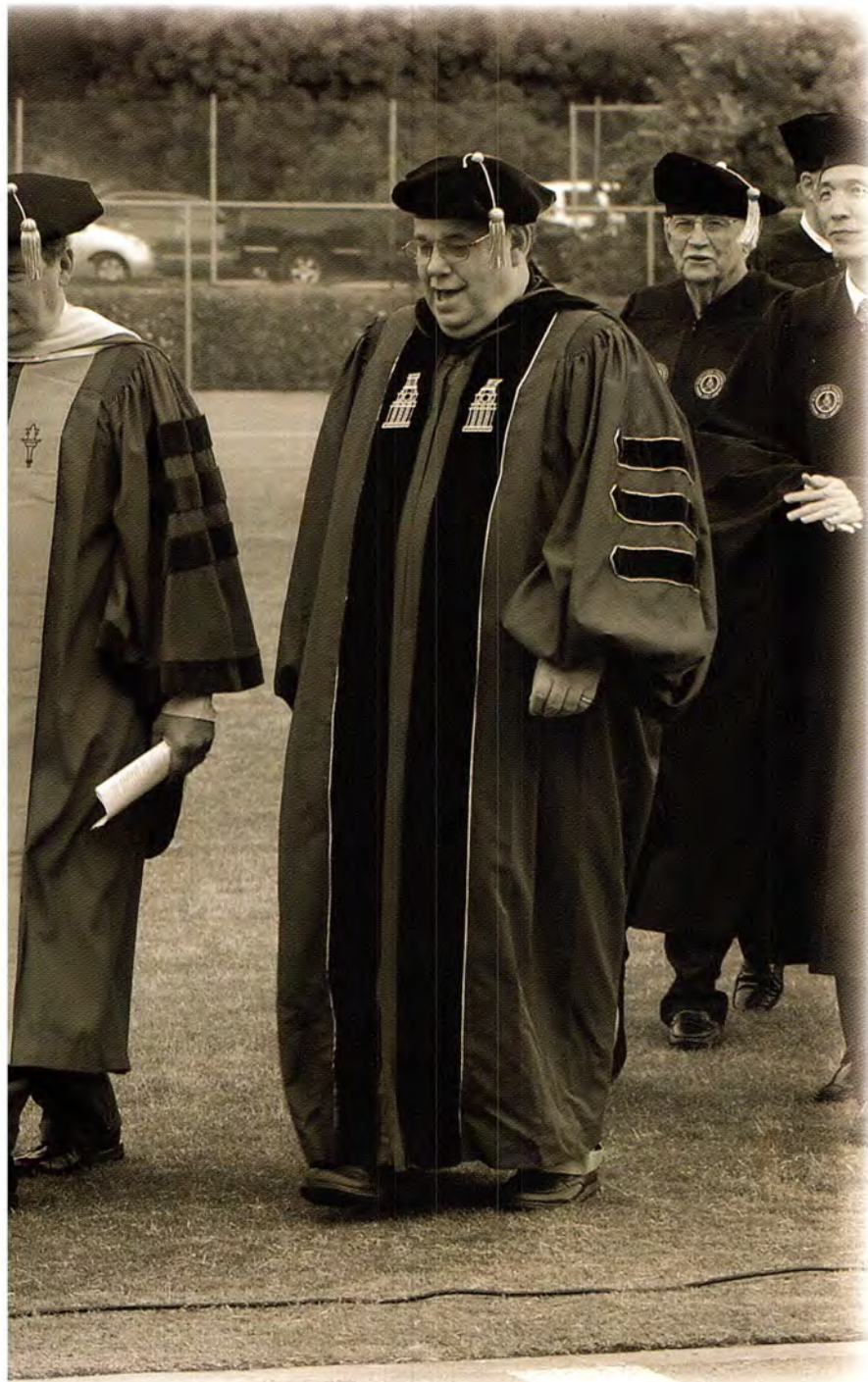




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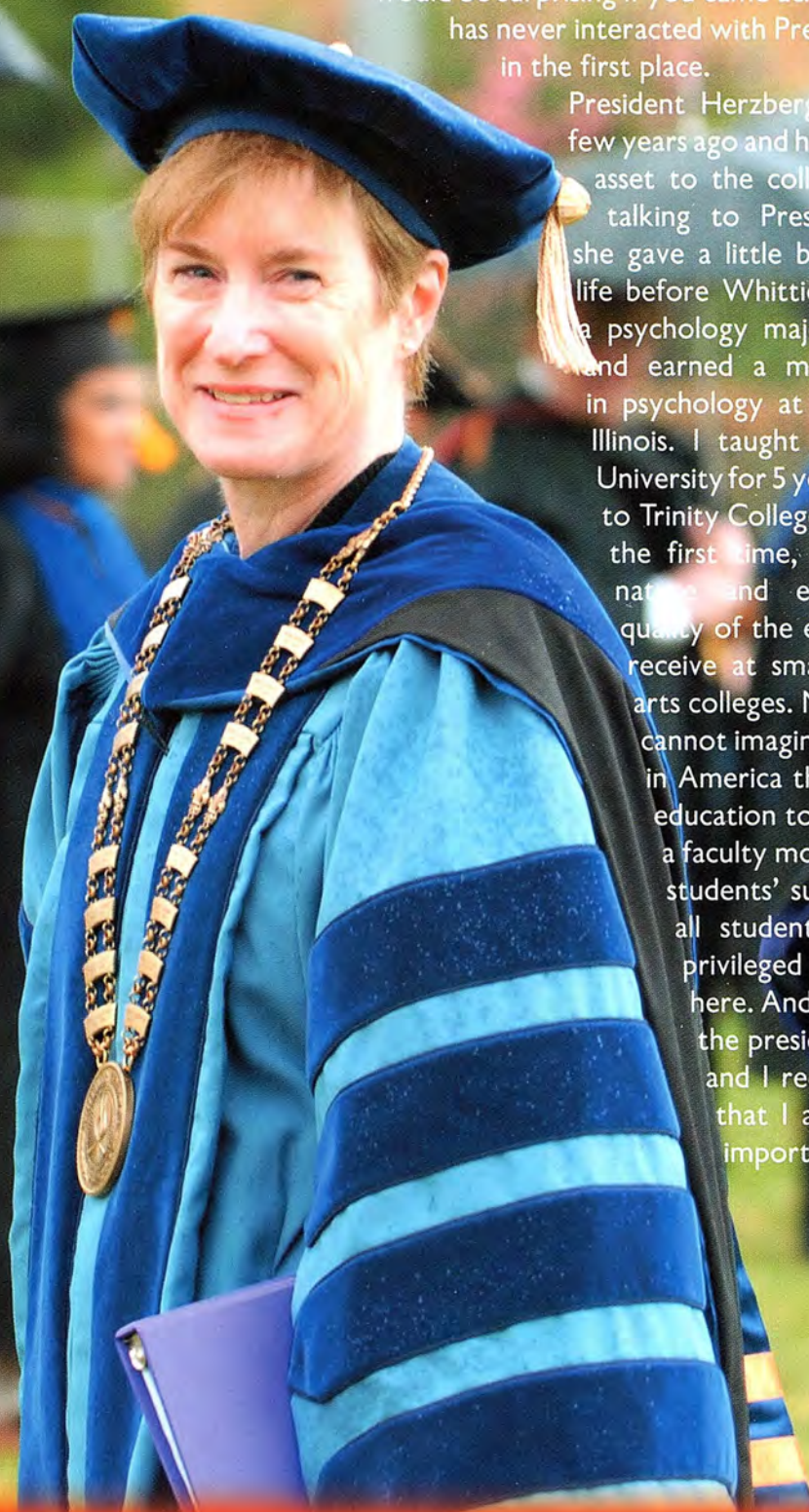




Who would have thought you could wake up in the morning and take a walk with the President of your college? Think about this, at any given event, student sponsored or athletic, the President can be found chatting with the students and cheering for the team. You can even get caught talking with her about classes and life on campus during lunch rushes at the TI.

While students at other colleges and universities throughout the nation proclaim that they have never seen or spoken to the president of their college that is not the same for students here at Whittier. In actuality it would be surprising if you came across a student who has never interacted with President Herzberger in the first place.

President Herzberger came to us a few years ago and has been an amazing asset to the college ever since. In talking to President Herzberger she gave a little background to her life before Whittier College. "I was a psychology major at Penn State, and earned a master's and Ph.D. in psychology at the University of Illinois. I taught at Northwestern University for 5 years before moving to Trinity College and learning, for the first time, about the special nature and exceptionally high quality of the education students receive at small, private, liberal arts colleges. Now, at Whittier, I cannot imagine there is a college in America that offers a better education to students or has a faculty more dedicated to its students' success. I hope that all students recognize how privileged they are to be here. And I feel blessed to be the president of Whittier, and I recognize every day that I am part of a very important mission."





# Everyone's Favorite President

## Chatting with President Herzberger

In asking President Herzberger what she liked best about being President of Whittier, she responded "having an opportunity to see students in action." She explained that a portion of her speech at graduation truly expressed how she felt. Here is the complete text of her Commencement speech:

A few months ago, my husband and I were visiting our younger son in Chicago and we ambled over to the Art Institute to see the exhibit of Winslow Homer's exquisite watercolors. On one wall was a quote that captured the essence of what I want to tell you today. Homer said: "The life I have chosen gives me full hours of enjoyment ... The sun will not rise, or set, without my notice, and thanks."

You, sitting before me, have many years ahead and full lives to lead. I wish for you that you live these years productively, compassionately, artfully, and above all, consciously... As you leave this stadium today, know that the pace of life will quicken and that events that you anticipate eagerly and seem so far away in time will pass in a flash. One day before you know it, you'll be returning to Whittier College for your twentyfifth reunion and then your fiftieth.

Those will be joyful occasions, but in the meantime, I wish for you the life of an artist. Above all else, the artist quietly observes and in observing, slows down, appreciates, and consciously notices and experiences the beauty of the world.

My favorite times as president of this College have been when I have noticed things about you. I have watched you ringing handbells, playing drums, singing solos, and singing together as a choir. I have consciously enjoyed moments observing you shoot baskets, score goals, swim lengths, swing racquets, fling Frisbees, and win The Shoes.

I have noticed your artwork in Mendenhall and Wardman, your writing in the Quaker Campus, your research presentations and posters and poems.

I paid attention when you received an academic honor, or were praised for exceptional scholarship. I have noticed your good deeds: planting bushes and flowers on Helping Hands Day, serving children through Fifth Dimension and other service projects, and serving each other through clubs, societies, and organizations. I have consciously enjoyed your amazing talent and poise and fun on the

Shannon Center stage. And I have noticed every time you showed up for an early morning walk with me, and each time you didn't. (You know who you are.)

And I am not alone. Your faculty have noticed too, and through our noticing, our own lives have been enriched immensely by your presence.

On this 105th commencement day, I charge you, the graduates of Whittier College, to notice the sunrises and the sunsets of your life, and to pause to go through your days thoughtfully and with deliberation. And when you return to our beautiful campus five years, ten years, fifteen years, and fifty years from now, your life will have been enriched too. I charge you as well to remember, throughout your rich life, that you are a Poet. You were privileged to attend a college that stands for something. Take pride in this College."

"I charge you as well to remember, throughout your rich life, that you are a Poet. You were privileged to attend a college that stands for something. Take pride in this College"



(left to right): David Sloan, Jenny Herrick, Endi Poskovic (not pictured): Ria O'Foghludha,  
Paula Radisich

## Art & Art History



## Biology

(alphabetical): David Bourgaize, Erica Fradinger, Stephen R. Goldberg, Sylvia Lopez, Cheryl  
Swift (not pictured): Hector Valenzuela



(alphabetical): David Crain, Jeffrey N. Decker, Daniel Duran, Charles R. Laine, John Neu, Lana Nino



## Business Administration

## Chemistry



(left to right, back row): Priscilla Bell, Charles Reeg, Ralph Isovitsch (left to right, front row): Devin limoto, Amy Moskun



(alphabetical): Don Bremme, Monica Garcia, Drew Ishii, Kathleen S. Ralph, Kathe Robbs, Kay Sanders, Anne Sebanc, Shannon Stanton, Judith Wagner

## Child Development & Education



## Economics

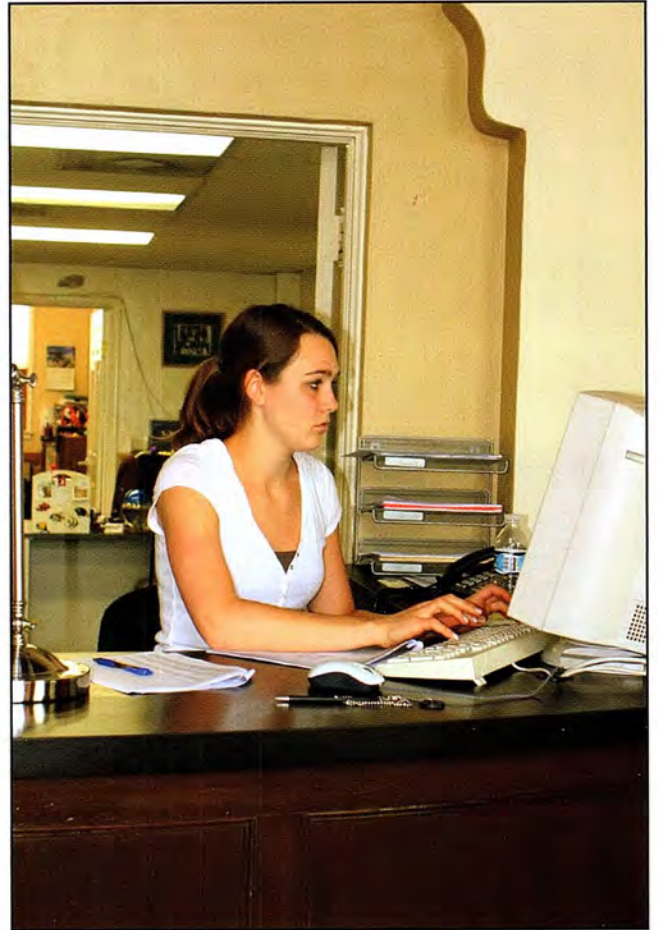
(left to right): Gregory Woirol, Geetha Rajaram, Charles Laine, Simon Lamar



## The Unique and Unusual:

There are many jobs available on campus to choose including:

Library Assistant  
Campus Safety Student Officers  
Research Assistants to Professors  
Peer Mentor  
Peer Tutor  
Ushers at the Shannon Center  
Acropolis/Quaker Campus Staff  
KPOET  
COR  
Cultural Center  
OSA  
the list goes on and on and on.







# They Shall Hang at Dawn

**Students take on Arthur Miller's *The Crucible* and the chilling tale of the Salem Witch Trials**

The Salem Witch Trials seem to be a staple in history lessons growing up. We all know that in the 1600s people through New England, but especially in Salem, Massachusetts, were accused of practicing witchcraft.

The *Crucible* is an historically accurate recount of the Salem Witch Trials. Under the direction of Jennifer Holmes, associate professor of theatre and communication arts, student actors were able to perform a rendition of this highly-acclaimed play.

The enthusiasm of each of the actors was incredible; as a member of the audience, we could feel the emotions that each of the students portrayed: the fear felt by the young girls while they described their interactions with other witches to the sorrow felt by John Proctor as he longed to bring justice to his wife.

The play was separated into two

acts: the first act lead up to the witch trials. This act gave the audience a background of the people involved and it portrayed the situations that would inevitably lead up to the accusations of witchcraft.

The second act was then the story of the trials that took place. It recounted the personal effects that the trials had on particular families during the time, as well as the effect it had on the community as a whole.

Each of the actors was able to portray their character with amazing integrity and many in audience left that evening discussing how this

was one of the best plays they had seen at Whittier.

For many, the final scene left a huge impression. As the lights dimmed on stage silhouettes of bodies hung from the ceiling as members of the Whittier College Vocé choir sang a beautiful hymn.





(alphabetical): Charles S. Adams, Tony Barnstone, Charles Eastman, Wendy Furman-Adams, William A. Geiger, Anne Kiley, Sean P. T. Morris, David Ian Paddy, Andrea Rehn

## English Literature & Language



## History



(left to right): Susannah Shaw-Romney, Elizabeth Sage, José Orozco, Laura McEnaney, Charles Romney, José Ortega (not pictured): Robert Marks



(left to right): Anne Hickey, Mike Rizzo, Melanie Householder, Kathy Barlow, Will Morriss, Rocker Carter, Mike Kennet  
 (not pictured): Dave Gerbarg, Tami Vahalik, Patricia Van Ossbree

## Kinesiology & Leisure Science



## Mathematics

(alphabetical): Maksim Dimitrov, Drew Ishii, Sharad Keny, Mark Kozek, Jeffrey Lutgen, Jeff Miller, Fritz Smith



(alphabetical): Rafael Chabran, Marie-Magdeleine Chirol, George Da Roza, Gustavo O. Geirola, Horng-Yi Lee, Doreen O'Connor-Gómez, Saori Tauchi, Gigi Terminel, Andrew Wallis, Mariano Zaro

## Modern Languages & Literatures



## Music

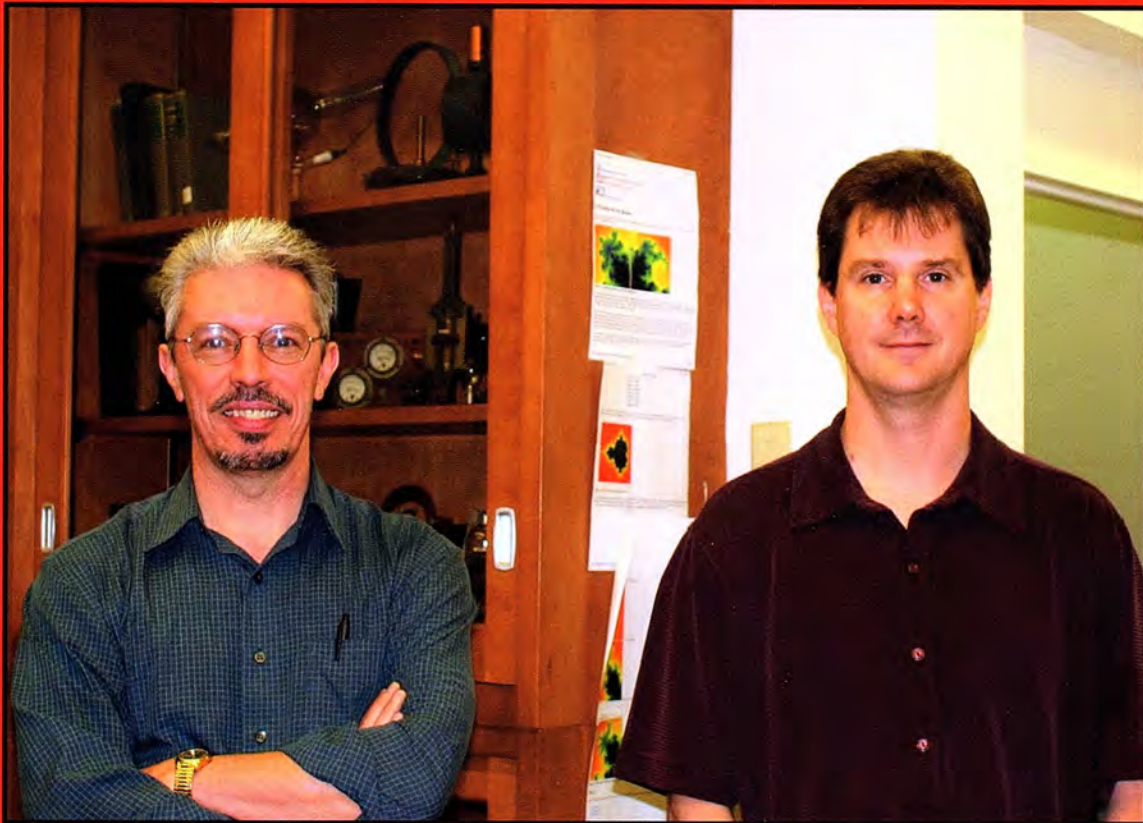


(back to front, left to right): Danilo Lozano, David Muller, Russ Litchfield, Teresa LeVelle, Stephen Cook



(left to right): David P. Hunt, Paul Kjellberg (not pictured): Michelle V. Switzer

## Philosophy



## Physics & Astronomy

(left to right): Seamus Lagan, Glenn Piner (not pictured): Serkan Zorba



(left to right): Deborah Norden, John Neu, Fred Bergerson, Mike McBride



## Political Science

## Psychology



(left to right): David B. Volckmann, Lucy G. O'Connor, Charles Hill, Lori Camparo, Ayesha Shaikh



(left to right): Joseph L. Price, Marilyn Gottschall, Rosemary Carbine, Jason Carbine

## Religious Studies



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## Sociology, Anthropology, & Social Work

Claudia Dorrington, Les Howard, David Iyam, sal johnston, Ann M. Kakliouras, Pamela Leong, Rebecca Overmyer-Velazquez, Paula Sheridan



(alphabetical): John Bak, Rich Cheatham, Gil Gonzalez, Vanessa Gonzalez, Jennifer S. Holmes, Carin Jacobs, Katie Liddicoat, David Palmer, Brian Alan Reed



**Theater & Communication Arts**

**Whittier Scholars**



(alphabetical): Joyce P. Kaufmann, Ria O'Foghludha, Christina Moreno-Donato, Stephanie Randol. Also pictured are four students in the Whittier Scholars Program.





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# YOUR OPTIONS

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## FRESH FACES

*New Student Orientation:  
A Poets Life for me*



Hot is the only way to describe the 2007 Freshman Orientation. With the temperature well over one hundred degrees for the bulk of Orientation, this year's new freshman class had more than their fair share of extremes. Besides the weather, students also moved into the Residence Halls and said good-bye to their families as they branched out for their new life at Whittier College. All these changes can take a toll on a young lad or lassie, but the Orientation line-up had plenty of exciting activities to ease everyone's mind-set into relaxation mode.

Some fun activities included Movie Night and a the annual Welcome Dinner at the President's house. Nevertheless, however you look at the situation, the Class of 2011 definitely had a warm welcome

to the campus.

One thing different about this year's freshman class is that every student is part of a Living Learning Community. Designed with the help of the newly hired first year Dean, Lisa Bortman, freshman lived together in Johnson and Stauffer based on their classes. Not only did students live on the same floor or in the same building and had their writing seminar together, but they also shared a freshman Fall linked course. In keeping them together this way, Whittier faculty could monitor their adjustments to college and better provide

them with help when needed. Likewise, the new system of the Living Learning Communities provided just that, a new community for incoming Freshman.







John Whittier  
305 Whittier Road  
Haverhill, MA 01830

Dear John,

May 23, 2008

Congratulations, you have been admitted to Whittier College!

On behalf of the faculty, it is my privilege to invite you into our community of learners and scholars.

Welcome to the class of 2012!

Your acceptance should be a source of pride and satisfaction. Aside from reaffirming your own achievements, your admission enables you to become a member of Whittier's diverse and engaging community. Are you ready to make it matter?

Membership in any group implies a responsibility to uphold the group's traditions and ideals. We will expect nothing less than your best efforts here, both in and out of class. Whittier is not a place for bystanders. We are counting on you to contribute to the life of our College—and likewise, to work toward the betterment of our society after graduation.

To reserve your space in the freshman class this fall, it is necessary for you to return the enclosed Admitted Student Reply form and a non-refundable \$300 enrollment deposit to the Office of Admission by May 1, 2008. Should you wish to live on campus, you will need to send the Room Reservation form and a non-refundable \$100 deposit at this time as well. As you might expect, this offer of admission is contingent on your continuing good record at, and graduation from, your present school.

Once again, congratulations on your admission to Whittier College. We wish you every success in your academic year. Our course catalog is available on-line at [www.whittier.edu](http://www.whittier.edu) via the Registrar. If we can be of any help, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

John Miller  
Director of Admission

"Nevertheless, however you look at the situation, the Class of 2011 definitely had a warm welcome to the campus."



# Who Done It?

## *Murder Mystery Dinner*

Did you ever spend your time as a child playing Clue and wondering whether it really was Mrs. White in the study with the rope? Or maybe it was Professor Plum in the lounge with the lead pipe?

For the first time The Club and Poet Entertainment held Murder Mystery Dinner in the Chapel. By attending this event students not only got free food and mocktails but they got to witness the stage version of the ever-popular board game and help figure out the question of "Who Done it and Why?"

This event was a huge success. The actors were amazing, not only did they follow a set script they also included hysterical improv to include the students in the action as well. And it was this improv that left students laughing and gripping their sides in hysterics.

Throughout the entire evening the students were asked to participate in the game and laughed the entire night. With the events unfolding in front of them the students became the witnesses of the various murders.

First it was the death of Peter,

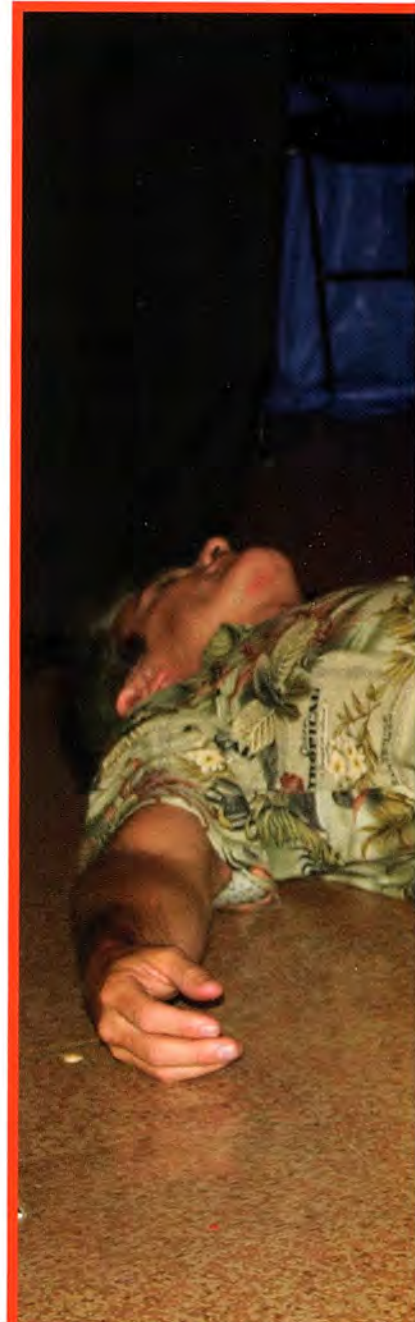
then the waiter, then Mr. Turner and in end the Mrs. Turner shot herself. But why?

Well as it turns out on Wednesday September 19th, the waiter accidentally killed Peter (Mrs. Turner's lover) instead of Mrs. Turner; you see, the waiter had been hired by Mr. Turner to kill Mrs. Turner. So,

in turn, Mrs. Turner killed the waiter, shot her husband and then committed suicide. Even as this unfolded students were still asked to figure out why Mr. Turner hired the waiter to kill his wife and why Mrs. Turner killed herself.

At the beginning of the evening students had been given different clues and asked to mingle to find out more. These clues along with the play allowed the students to conclude that Mrs. Turner was dying of a rare disease and she was going to run off with her lover. While many students needed the clues to be explained to them it all became clear as the night ended.

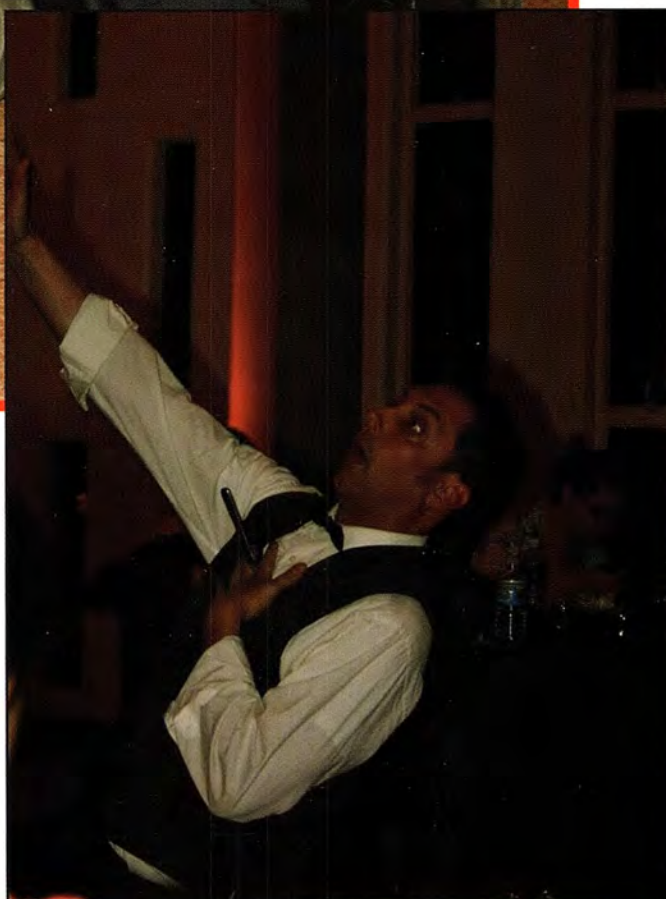
The night was definitely a success, the students and the actors had an amazing time!







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But Why?"





# A Weekend of Whittier

**Homecoming took a change this Fall as for the first time ever, Mr. Whittier wasn't claimed by a man, but by a woman.**

As in all years, homecoming fell on a weekend in October. Not only was this the homecoming football game but it was Whittier Weekend as well. Family, alumni and current students could be seen joining all of the activities and events planned for this weekend. There were tours, and dinner, speakers and parties. There was the homecoming game, the dance as well as the second annual Mr. and Ms. Whittier pageant.

While Whittier Weekend has been an annual event for years now there were plenty of changes that had been made for this particular year. One was the homecoming dance, this year it was held at a restaurant in Uptown. Not only was this incredible dance catered but it was one of the best homecoming dances that Whittier has seen in years. Another addition this year was Eric Rivera's attempt at breaking the world record for most hugs in an hour.

While this all took place before or after the homecoming game, there entire weekend was based around the game. As always Whittier's football team

had a game to watch, complete with edge of your seat action. But one of the most waited for events was the crowning of Mr. and Ms. Whittier. However, this year, to keep with the theme of changes, there was a little twist to the competition. This year, senior Alex Sheldon competed in the competition not for the title of Ms. Whittier but for the title of Mr. Whittier. This was not a joke, she took it seriously, asking the students to rethink their ideals that are placed upon the students and to regenerate their gender stereotypes. In the end Alex was crowned Mr. Whittier. Many students applauded her action while other were creating groups

on facebook against this. In the end though, Alex kept her title and had the entirety of Whittier rethink their standards.

With all of the changes and action this homecoming it will be one to remember for a long time.







# Dancing the Night Away

**Homecoming Dance held at  
Barillos in Uptown**

This year the homecoming dance was held at Barillos Restaurant in Uptown. This used to be the Cobblestone Cafe but just recently it was bought and turned into a wonderful Italian Restaurant. The upstairs, which is a large banquet room, was transformed into the site of this year's homecoming dance. Held the night before the big game, students flocked to the restaurant for a night of dancing and amazing food. For many of the freshmen this was their first glimpse at a Whittier

homecoming weekend and this dance was the way to start it off right. The students truly enjoyed this dance, as many explained that it was one of the best Whittier has seen in a while. Normally, the students only partake in the Radisson Party which happened the night of the football game, but this year they also had the dance as well. Although this was the first homecoming dance that has happened in a while it definitely will not be the last.





# **"Fests" take Whittier by Storm**

## **Hugfest & Campus MovieFest bring smiles to all**



### **The Big Squeeze**

#### **"Who doesn't want a hug?"**

Eric Rivera '08

The characteristically warm September mornings of Fall 2007 reminded me I was graduating in less than 9 months. Even as a senior, I didn't feel as if I had accomplished anything at Whittier. A current edition of the Guinness World Records Book provided the inspiration and drive for me to attempt a somewhat lofty goal. I was not motivated by the man who can eat the most cockroaches in a minute or by the person who can wear the most t-shirts. What impressed me was the mass participation section of the book. I quickly glanced at some of the records (expecting to see something unbeatable) and came across two small lines of text: "Most people hugged in one hour: 612." I wrinkled my forehead and thought, "Well, I could do that..."

I resolved, shortly thereafter, that this would be my legacy. I would set a date and call upon everyone I remotely knew to come to the center of the Whittier College campus and give me a hug. The event had to have a name, and was dubbed Hugfest 2007, and was a legitimate, registered attempt at a real Guinness World Record. The record setting

hour was set to begin at 2:30pm on the afternoon of October 27, 2007. The location was easily accessible to all students, faculty, and staff: the upper quad in the heart of Whittier College campus. The hope was to gather a critical mass of people during "Whittier Weekend." Alumni and locals would be there and the quad would be alive with carnival-style activities.

In just the two months I had to plan the event the record was broken twice, and stood at a daunting 667 people. Whenever people asked why I chose to pursue this particular record, I always said the same thing: "Who doesn't want a hug?" 668 hugs would get me into the archives of the Guinness World Record books, and it actually seemed realistic. I chose to rely on the goodwill and generosity of people to show up, and I received a great deal of help from a surprising number of people. I even had an unpaid, volunteer 'Hugstaff' which was comprised of friends and family who wanted to see me achieve this goal.



## CAMPUS MOVIEFEST

In what started as a talk between the Assistant Director of Student Activities, Sarah Morgan, and one of her college friends lead to the arrival of 50 Apple laptops, camera equipment, and the first time Whittier College was involved in Campus MovieFest. And when Sarah Morgan introduced the idea of a campus wide movie contest and festival to Drew Southern and Shezad Bruce, members of the Video Production Club, they were sold.

More than thirty groups of students got together to create their own, unique films to premiere on campus, and of those films, the winners would be shown at the Los Angeles Grand Finale, going up against films from CalPoly Pomona, UCLA, and USC. From the audience standpoint, Campus MovieFest was an amazing success. The films were original, creative, and definitely made

everyone laugh and think a little differently about some of their classmates.

"Campus MovieFest was awesome. So many people joined in and made films or acted in them. It was a chance that you don't normally get, and I can't wait for it to come back," comments Junior Shezad Bruce. But ask about his favorite movie from the festival, and you will get a little chuckle, "My favorite memory has to be Drew Southern. There comes a time when you're editing a film and you don't sleep until it's finished. But for Drew, that meant not sleeping for I think 40 hours. He was so tired, but so happy to be finished. It was as if he was drunk from a lack of sleep."

So be on the lookout for some of the films that won this year at Campus MovieFest.



The next two months were a whirlwind of shameless hype, publicity, and getting laughed at. Initial reactions when people first heard of the attempt were extremely diverse. Some became astonishingly excited and offered to help, while others questioned my sanity. But none of this was important; I had bigger things to worry about, like how to legally hug a person. According to the Guinness World Record headquarters in London, England, a hug is constituted by both arms completely wrapping around person in a genuine embrace. The hugs must also be mutual, and repeat hugs were not allowed. It was determined that the most effective method would be to organize a "hugging line" in which each person would come to me with the goal of exchanging a momentary, yet sincere squeeze.

Finally, on October 27th, 2007, armed with multiple counting methods, a myriad of video cameras, and Mayor Owen Newcomer, the official event began.

Review of the tapes shows a constant flow of people for the first 20 minutes, with each hug averaging about 3 seconds. The record could have easily been beaten at this rate. Hugstaff and others scurried in and around dorms, buildings, and the football stadium to try and gather more people to come. Unfortunately, numbers were shy, and the hugging line disappeared. I remained at my hugging station (I wasn't allowed to move) and gave a smattering hugs over the next 40 minutes.

During the countdown of the last 10 seconds, I realized I wasn't disappointed at all. No, I didn't break a Guinness World Record, but all my energy, time, and effort had been well spent. I hugged so many people it was almost euphoric. Try hugging 541 people in an hour, it is incredibly satisfying. After photos and interviews that afternoon, Hugstaff came to an end. But Hugfest lives on though, in our hearts. Okay, not really, but in our memories, yes. Plus, we have photo-documented evidence. (Thanks Julie Henderson!)



# Giving Back

## Service weekend moves off campus and into the Whittier community

It's all too easy to get wrapped up in the atmosphere of the college and forget what lies beyond Painter Avenue, the city. This year, many Poets decided to lend a hand to the city of Whittier and give back to the community during Service Weekend. Students involved in Service Weekend became helping hands at retirement homes, parks, food drives, and other various events. Poets found lending a helping hand to be incredibly fulfilling as they worked in the glow of the beautiful Southern California sunshine.

Normally Helping Hands Day consists of student beautifying our campus. In previous years, students have been seen planting flowers along the upper quad and around the amphitheater. They have been spotted repainting areas of campus or pulling weeds near the library, but this year we decided to branch out and do what we seem to do best: help others.

While for some it may have seemed to be a hassle to get off campus to get involved in Helping Hands Day, Whittier faculty such as Sarah Morgan and Jeannie Ortiz drove around to the different sites picking up and dropping off students while other faculty members such as Barney Peake drove around dropping off various sorts of

supplies ranging from paint and brushes to shovels and food.

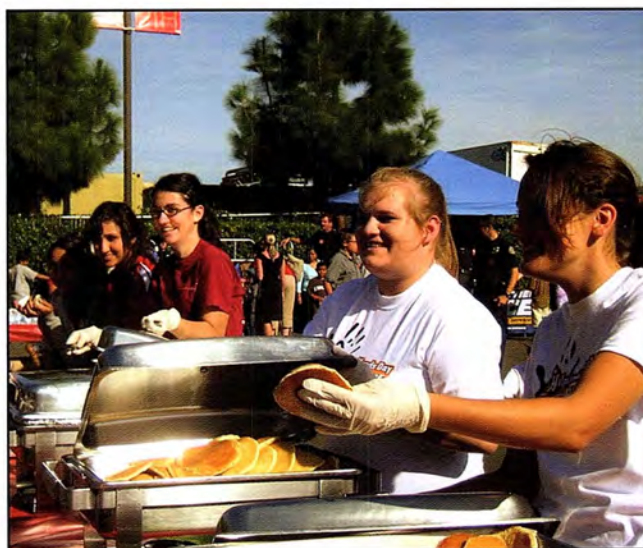
While Helping Hands Day may not have been about beautifying our campus, it did much more, it allowed us to give back to a community that has become a home away from home to all of us that have moved to Whittier for schooling.

The weekend did not end with Helping Hands Day, many students then attended the AIDS walk where they were able to help raise awareness about the devastating effects that AIDS has not only on population within the United States but the effects it has on the world populations as a whole.

In the end, the weekend was a hit and students were able to step out of the boundaries of campus into the community to make a difference.









# Surrender the Booty

Being involved from all sides:

-Elizabeth Colen '08

Sportsfest has to be one of the all-time, number-one weekends on campus. I mean seriously, when can college students spend the weekend playing third grade recess games like tug-o-war, musical chairs, and capture the flag? Or even better, when can college students play a form of school-sponsored "grog" pong? This year, like every other year, students created teams based on the dorms they lived in and competed against each other.

This year the theme was "Surrender the Booty" which allowed for pirate theme of events to take place. And, after participating every year, this year I took on the challenge of being co-captain of the Turner Girls team as well as sitting in on the Sportsfest Committee meetings. This year I saw the event from all sides. I saw how games were created and thought up; I especially enjoyed listening to suggestions such as "walk-the-plank" for an event which was suggested just to see if students would really walk off a diving board.

I got to help organize and plan my own team, think up a team name, create our talent event and develop

Sportsfest spirit amongst my peers and floor mates. But the best part of Sportsfest is playing the games.

While there is major competition between the teams, there is also a sense of community. During our capture the flag game when my team didn't show up and neither did the Ball Hall team, we decided to play together for fun

against the Stojo team. Because the game was for

fun we helped each other out, picked each other up off the ground and high fived each other for great plays. This is what Sportsfest is all about; yeah the competition is great, and don't get me wrong sporting the champion shirt is an awesome feeling, it really is about the community.

I often tell people about Sportsfest and they just don't seem to understand how amazing it really is. But I guess you can't really explain it, all you can say is that Sportsfest rocks!

**Arrrrrr, Matey!**







# SportsFest 2007

*Congratulations to our Pirate Peet participants!*

- 407 Participants
- 46 signed up to give blood, 21 units of blood were collected
- 427 canned goods collected for the food drive
- \$467.96 raised in the Penny War for the CA fire relief fund and St. Jude Children's Research Hospital
- 212 donation letters were written to raise funds for St. Jude



## Men

- 1st — Big Johnsons  
2nd — Monster Destroyerz  
3rd — Rear Admirals

## Women

- 1st — Booty Hunters  
2nd — Blackbeard's Revenge  
3rd — Treasure Boxes

Area Champions — WHAC





# *Dancin' through life...*

## *Students enjoy Lumis at the Westin Bonaventure*

This year, instead of taking place in the Spring, Lumis was held in the Fall. This had a big impact on the students of Whittier College. Facebook groups were started trying to force Whittier College and Programming Board to change the dance back to the Spring semester. For many, the argument lay that it has been such a tradition to hold this event in the spring that holding it in the fall just did not make sense. But the reason for the change was explained because Programming Board hosts a plethora of events in the Spring including Spring Fest and Spring Sing whereas the only even they hold in the fall is Homecoming. By changing the date of the event it allowed Programming Board to have two major events each semester. In the end, Lumis stayed in the fall semester and even if

students took issue with the change, the event was still a success.

This year the dance was held at the Westin Bonaventure Hotel in downtown Los Angeles. The theme for the dance was Masquerade. For many in attendance masks were worn as supplement to their ball gowns. Programming Board even set up a table in front of the TI the weeks before the dance allowing students to create their own masks and they handed out masks at the check-in table.

While the masks seemed to add to the masquerade of the dance, the other details put together by Programming Board added to the grandeur of the dance. The food that was put out during the event was great. There was a pasta station, Chinese food, veggies and even a Chocolate Fountain. But

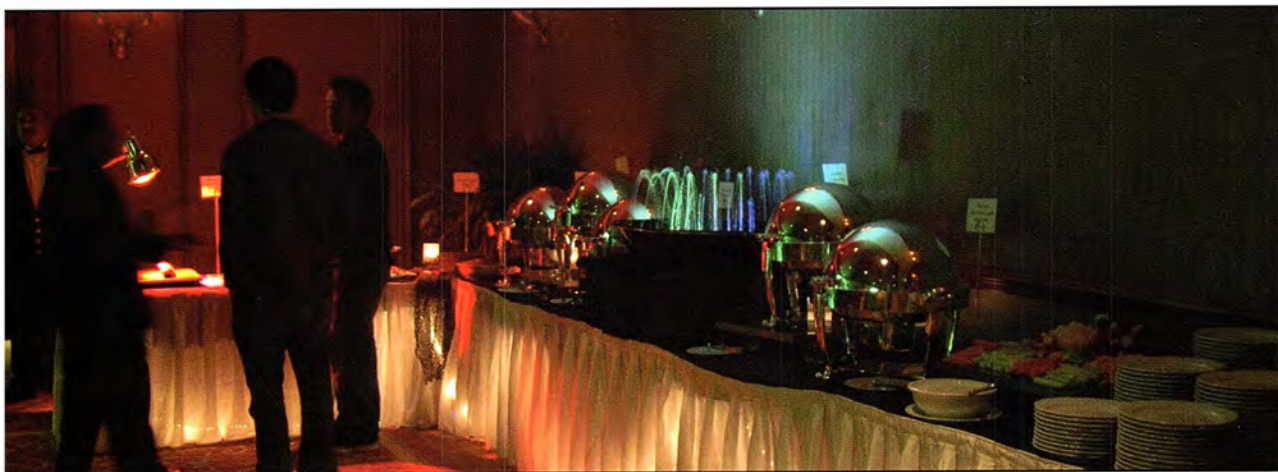
aside from the food and the minor details to add to the dance the entire event was a success.

Students left the dance talking about it for days afterwards. For some students this was the last time they would attend Lumis and for many it was a great dance to end their Whittier College experience. The night was full of dancing, laughter, good food and great friends. It does not seem as if anyone left the dance explaining that they had a bad time, Facebook albums went up fast and students talked about it for days to come.

In the end, the switch from Spring to Fall semester just allowed the student to take a break before finals and hang out with friends and dance the night away.









"If you are looking for a study break and a chance to hang out with friends before heading home for Winter break, Late Night Breakfast was the place to go."







# Breakfast = Brain Food

## Professors serve students at annual Late Night Breakfast

Didn't your mom ever tell you that breakfast is the most important meal of the day? Heck, even doctors have been telling us that breakfast stimulates the mind and gives people the energy they need to get through the day. So why not serve a bunch of college students breakfast the night before the start of finals? Maybe this

was the intention of the Whittier staff and faculty when Late Night Breakfast started all those years ago. But today, students use it as a way to relax, hang out with friends, and enjoy being served food at their table before a week of stressful exams.

Once again, Late Night Breakfast was held in the Fall. And although there was limited seating space due to the new sprung structure, faculty and staff took all the preventative measures to make sure that the event continued as planned. President Herzberger sent out an email warning Whittier students to come to Late Night Breakfast a few hours after it opened to prevent standing outside the sprung structure in long lines. The T.I. staff set up extra tables on the outdoor patio, as well as lined the side of the T.I. with portable heaters to make sure that any student who was eating outside or standing in line was able to stay warm. With all of this thought before hand, the event was a huge success.

There were all sorts of foods for students to enjoy this year from hot breakfast cereal, made to

order omelets, waffles with choice of toppings, eggs, and bacon or sausage. There was even a frozen yogurt bar accompanied by an assortment of healthy and candy toppings.

But the food was not the most impressive part of the evening. The reason students flock to the T.I. for the night is the service. While there are the regular T.I. workers helping out, the Whittier faculty and staff are actually serving the food. Do you have a last minute question about a final? You are more than likely to find a professor who can help you, although you might have to wait until they are done making a waffle for a fellow student. Not only were professors there to serve the food, some were on table duty bringing students drinks and cleaning food from the tables.

If you are looking for a study break and a chance to hang out with friends before heading home for Winter break, Late Night Breakfast was the place to go. From the first time experience for freshman to seniors realizing this was the last dinner served by their professors, students from across the campus enjoyed this event once again.







Gambling can be a dangerous sport- the excitement, the adrenaline, the extra cash! No wonder people get addicted to it... Fortunately at the 2008 Casino Night, held on January 19, there were no chances for anyone to lose all they had. Students and faculty got to participate in friendly, yet competitive casino games in a Las Vegas atmosphere in the Memorial Chapel. The evening was a chance for everyone to enjoy themselves in the middle of Janterm instead of stressing out about the weeks ahead. Although there were no high rollers, students were able to learn and practice some gambling tricks of the trade.

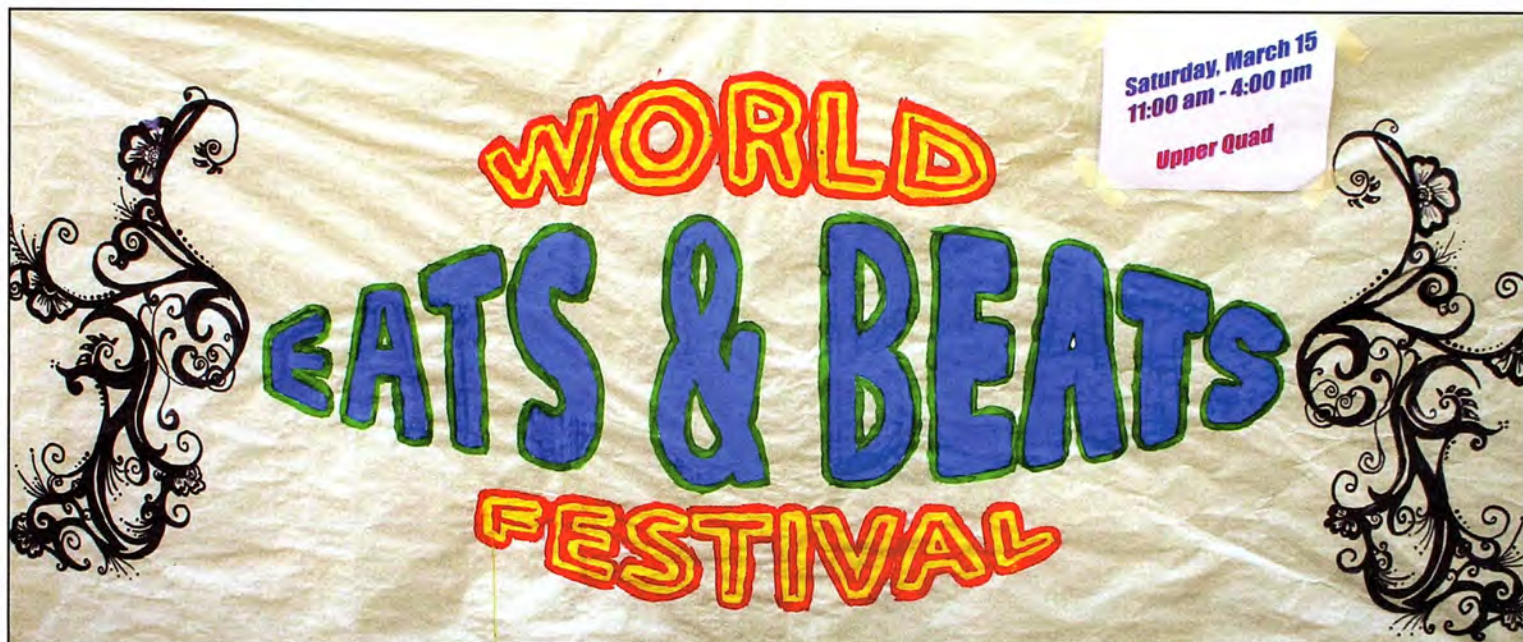


# ONE FOR THE MONEY

CASINO NIGHT RETURNS TO THE CHAPEL







## The World at Our Fingertips







## World Eats and Beats Festival brings food and music to the Upper Quad

The weekend had finally arrived. The first World Eats and Beats Festival had come to campus and still many people were not sure what it would entail. The signs advertised things such as: food from around the world, African Drums, a Hookah Tent, Crafts and much, much more. But even with this many did not expect the turn out that occurred.

Walking onto the upper quad you would have thought that this event had already been established as an annual event.

There were tents lining every available spot across the quad. Everything from student groups to outside vendors spent their afternoon bringing food and music from across the world to Whittier College students. There was a BAC Dance tent serving freshly made fruit smoothies.

ASA and the Hawaiian Islander Club were serving pineapple skewers with "yummy goodness" on them (a deep red powder made from ground plums and other spices) as well as selling jewelry representative of Hawaii's native plumeria flower. ASA was also displaying their posters for Asian Night.

The Hispanic Student Association was serving Churros and Horchata while Rootbeer floats could be found at another tent close by. But it wasn't only students selling food, The Mid-Eastern Connection brought in family member to make stuffed grape leaves and other Middle Eastern traditional food while Golden Triangle served Thai food and Ciao Italia grilled up fresh Panini's for the students.

Food was not the only thing that the students indulged in during World Eats and Beats; music was played throughout the afternoon. Local groups came to play music that ranged from traditional ethnic music to student bands trying to get there name out amongst the student body.

And while the name "World

Eats and Beats" suggested that it would only be food and music students could also wander the booths selling traditional items. One booth entitled "My Grandma's Attic" seemed to sell older traditional items while another booth was set up to sell traditional dresses and skirts from the Himalayas as well as traditional jewelry which can be seen in the lower middle photo.

The afternoon was a huge success. Not only was it a warm southern California day, the event seemed to set an amazing standard for years to come. The turn out with students was amazing, the amount of booths and outside vendors was more than could have been expected for a first time event. The work that went into planning this event and the credit that is deserved should be granted to junior Shezad Bruce, president of the Mid-East Connection and Executive Producer of the Video Production Club. Bruce also had the help of the Club Staff in terms of the music equipment as well as OSA for the planning of the event. We give a high five to Shezad for a job well done!





## *Students enjoy Asian Cuisine at TI & Asian dance and music at Shannon Center*

I see everyone's involvement in Asian Night as an expression of culture more than anything and I participate for the same reason. ASA has always done a great job of both maintaining a closely knit group of students within the club and reaching out to the Whittier College community as a whole. Asian Night is an event where other students have a chance to experience something totally different in a non-threatening environment.

As a Japanese-American who participates in Hip Hop culture regularly, I feel like Asian Night is a perfect place to express my own identity. While Asian Night features music and dance from a variety of countries, I feel called to participate in the Hip Hop dance to show an intersection between two cultures, in much the same way as my family represents a mixture of Japanese and American heritage.

Naturally Asian Night is supposed to showcase influential parts of Asian culture, and since its birth in New York, Hip Hop has become as much a part of Asian and Asian-American identity for some as traditional forms of expression. True Hip Hop stresses unity and non-discrimination, and I feel that the ideology that spawned Asian Night is based on the same thing; both provide a chance for a different form of expression and community without discrimination.

Every year it amazes me to see how many people actually come out to see Asian Night. Even though it is on a Saturday night and stereotypical college students might be out partying, every Asian Night is close to or is a sell out crowd; this is proof shows that not only does the Whittier faculty put a great emphasis on culture, but we students appreciate our diversity enough to go out and show it. - Cory Howell '09







# Traveling through Asia without Leaving your Seat



April 12, 2008







# HANGIN' ON THE STREET

Spring Fest brings the street fair to Whittier



Music blared from the upper quad on Saturday April 19, 2008. Students could be found chillin' on the grass listening to the bands, they were innig up to have their hands transformed into works of wax art, while others were having their faces transformed into caricatures. They were getting their sugar fix at the sand candy booth, sipping on smoothies from Jamba Juice or enjoying a burger and fries from Carl's Junior. In any case, the Upper Quad was the place to be on this warm Southern California Saturday.

This year Spring Fest transformed the Upper Quad into Whittier's own version of a street fair complete with wax hands, sand candy, cartoon drawings, smoothies, pie eating and, the ever popular, live bands. Instead of bringing back the large bouncy inflatable this year the students had the opportunity to create street art to bring back to their room.

The wax hands were a hit with the students, there was a constant line at this booth full of students willing to submerge their hands in layers of wax to create a replica of their hands. The cartoonist also had a steady flow of students who wanted to be captured on paper.

For those students who didn't

want to take part in the art that was offered they could simple sit, relax and take a break from the pressure of the final weeks of school. "It was a great way to spend the afternoon. My friends and I just sort of sat, listened to music had some Carl's Junior and Jamba Juice" explains an enthusiastic freshman.

Aside from the wax hands, cartoonist and sand candy, Carl's Junior's burger-mobile came to campus allowing students to exchange their



student ID number for a selection of food. Also, OMEP was offering Jamba Juice to raise money for a children's charity. The Penns even set up a whip cream pie eating contest that inevitably turned into a whip

cream fight.

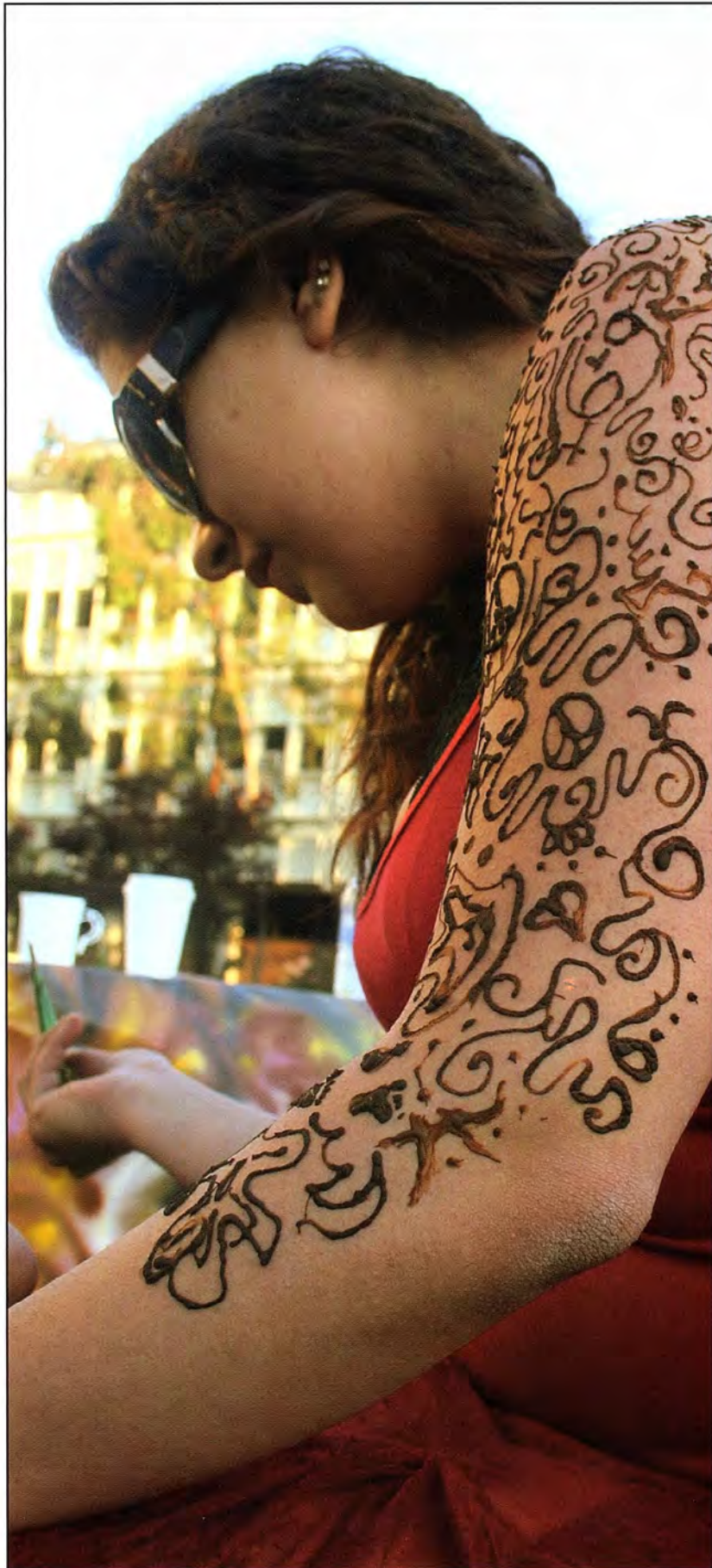
And during all of this the bands Ivy League from Utah and Kapakahi from San Francisco played throughout the afternoon.

With all the planning that goes into a huge event like this it was a great success. While the bouncy inflatable may have been missed by some students, they surely got over this fast enough as they took part in the new booths that made this Street Fair on the quad a great way to spend the afternoon.



# The Circus is in Town

*the Psychedelic Circus becomes annual event*







The third annual Psychedelic Circus was put on by the Sachsen Society on Friday April 18th. Live music was performed by members of the society as well as other student bands such as Trees Deep and local bands.

While students enjoyed the bands they also took advantage of the henna and hookah booths. With the event happening on a Friday evening it allowed students to spend an evening hanging out on campus.

Whether or not students were part of the society they still took advantage of the different booths. The Henna tattoo booth was a huge hit. Anyone could tattoo themselves but many decided to grab a friend to help them create a masterpiece on their body.

Other students sat around the hookah enjoying the evening with friends away from homework. If henna tattoos and smoking hookah isn't your fancy, there were still activities to get involved in.

There were blankets lining the quad to give students to opportunity to just sit and enjoy the event.

At one point all the Sachens were called up to the stage allowing the students who were at



Psychedelic Circus the opportunity to applaud them for a job well done. Psychedelic Circus was huge success which just goes to show that it has become a staple in the annual events here on campus.





and we're JAMMIN'



## Third Annual Snow Jam Return to the Quad

Back for its third annual appearance, Snow Jam brought snow and sun to the upper quad. Covering the hills from Wardman Hall to the Quad with snow, tables and rails, students were able to spend a day in the sun watching students do tricks on their snow boards. Not many students participated but there were plenty of outsiders who took to the hills of Whittier. This event always brings a number of students to the quad, as they love to watch the performers, and who can say that in the middle of spring they are actually able to watch snow boarders compete on the hills of their southern California campus.

Just like the last year, the quad was covered in snow, broken tables, stairs and banisters to allow all those competing to perform trick upon trick to impress the students and the judges. In the end this was an afternoon to remember.

## Sunday Jams become a regular fixture on campus

This spring a new weekly event was brought to campus that was Sunday Jams. Students had the opportunity to exchange their Sunday TI meal with a chance to have a good BBQed meal along with some good music. Brought to you by local bands, mostly bands here at Whittier, Sunday Jams let students spend their Sunday afternoons hanging out on campus and enjoying music brought to them by peers. These jam sessions not only allowed the students a chance to get away from the stresses of school but it also gave local bands to have a place to play to get their names out amongst local college students. Most of the jams were led by members of Trees Depp and other members of bands from around campus such as the Sachens. This became a regular occurrence on Sunday afternoons and hopefully they will return in the fall of next year.

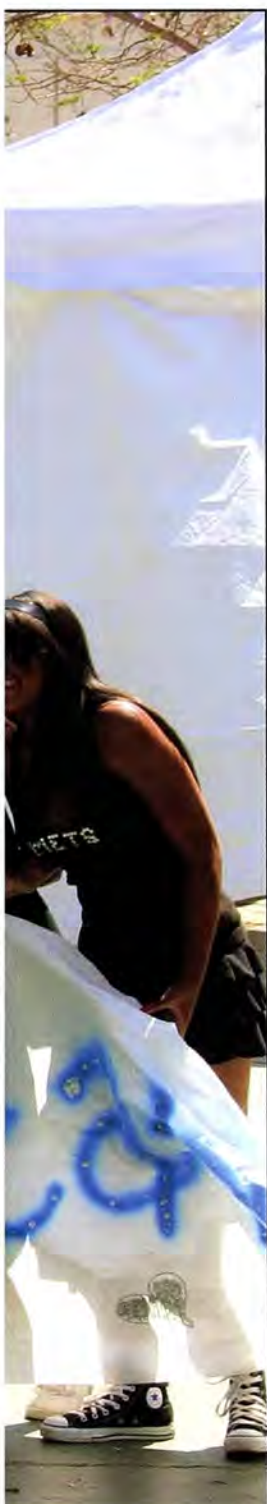












# Brinsin' Back the 90s

## *Spring Sing lets us relive our childhood jams*

Bringing us back to our childhood days was the theme of this year's Spring Sing. Back to the 90s when boy bands, pop music and groups like Spice Girls, or individual artists like Britney Spears or Mariah Carey rocked the radio; a time when we were more concerned with the coolest music than with how many papers we had to write or what finals we had to study for.

This year not only did societies join in the fun of Spring Sing but there were other groups involved as well. The Bellydancing Club came out in full force to impress the audience with their belly dancing abilities.

In the end the Mets won the whole of the Spring Sing competition, their dancing, singing and reenactment of different songs from years ago. Spring Sing has always been an afternoon the students looked forward to, either in participating or observing. In the end students enjoyed reliving their childhood songs and spending a day away from their homework and studies as the end of the semester loomed.





# A Piece of Paradise

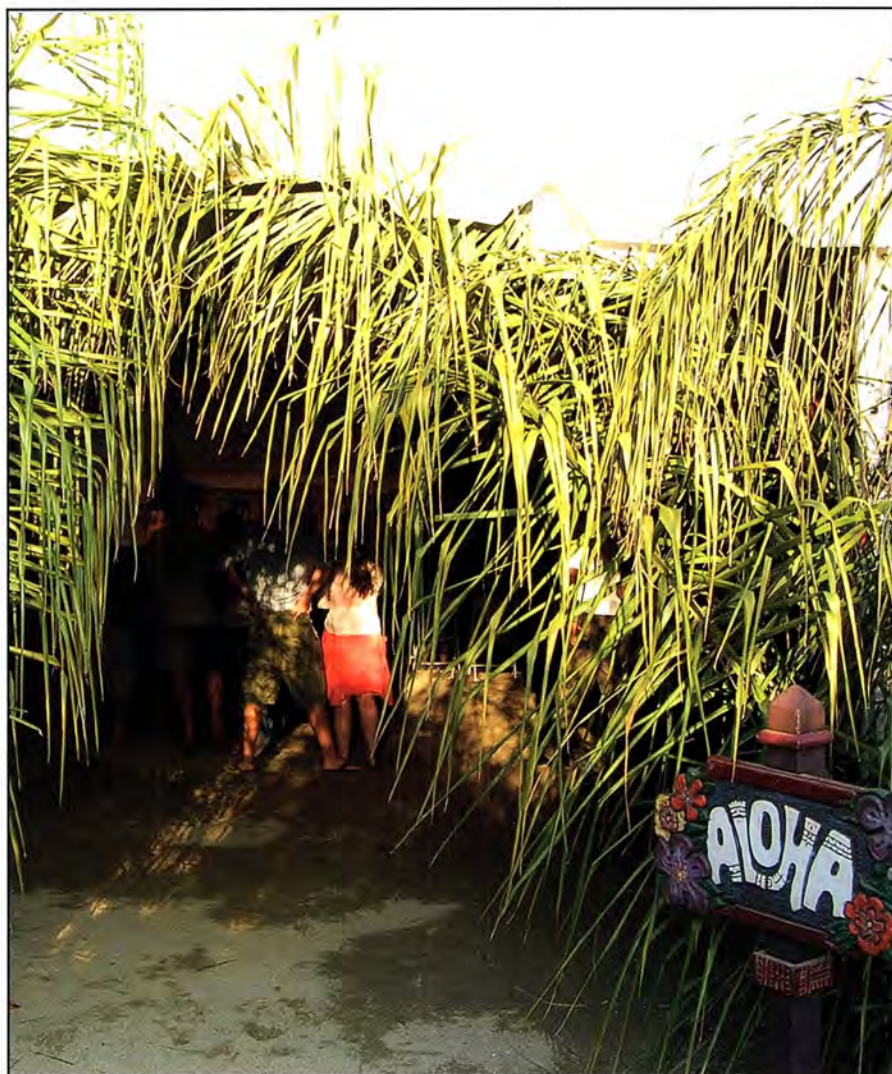
Mona Kai Transforms the TI parking lot to a Summer Beach Scene



While Whittier may boast about its warm climate here in southern California it does not beat the warm sandy beaches of Hawaii. But in order to bring some of this tropical paradise to those of here in Whittier, the Lance Society returned with Mona Kai. Held every spring this dance covers the amphitheater parking lot with tons of sand recreating a beach atmosphere. It is here that students adorn their summer clothing, even their swimwear and dance the night away. As always, there are refreshments and tropical treats to snack on when the dancing has left you parched and hungry.

Mona Kai never fails in its attempt to recreate the beach and always leaves the students wishing there were more hours in the night to continue on with this dance. This year in particular students left the dancing wishing it had lasted a little longer. For days the students discussed how much fun they had. The seniors enjoyed their last Mona Kai experience while the freshman and other students were able to enjoy yet another dance here at Whittier and are eager for its return in the spring of next year.





## **New Rules, New Rides, and a “Safety Net” The New face of Erotic City**

After all of the events that took place last year at Erotic City the Lancers this year created a safety net to ensure that students would be safe. The event was moved to the Radison this year, and while there was some speculation that this would be unsatisfactory for guests staying at the Radison. However, Whittier was given permission to partition off the ballroom from the rest of the hotel and was given access to the back entrance. At the same time there was a bus that was driving students from campus to the Radison. Not only did this ensure the safety of the students, so that no Whittier student was walking through Uptown dressed in the theme of “less dressed is best” but it also ensured that no one but Whittier students were granted access to the event.

Students who attended the event said that with all the provisions that went into Erotic City this year the event went smoothly. There were no long lines of waiting, there was no drama with other people attending the event. All in all the event went extremely smoothly and many people were very happy with the success of the event.







# Snapshots of Your Options

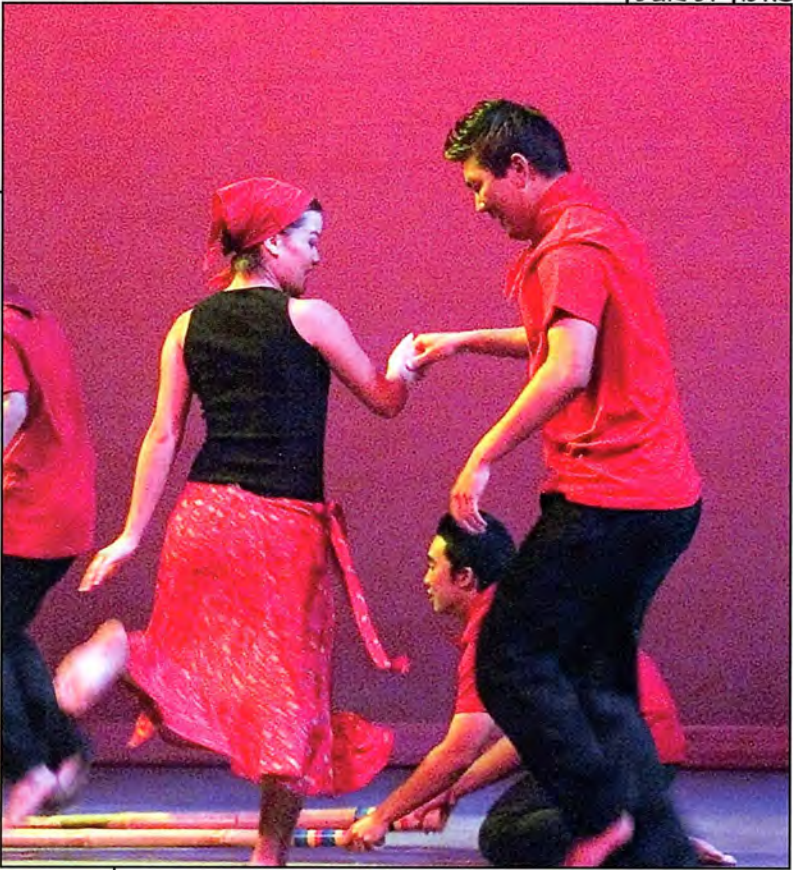




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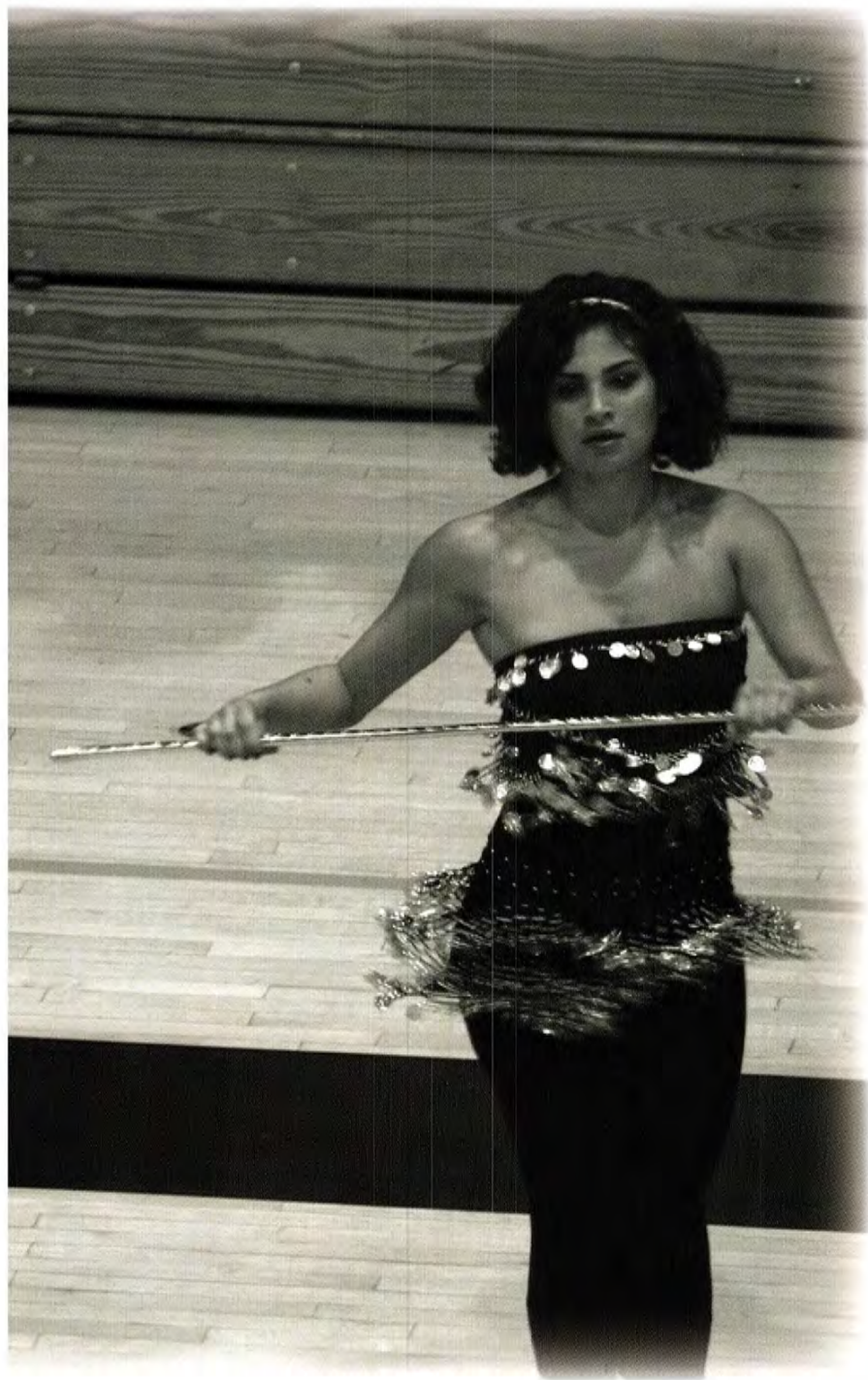
ORGANIZATIONS



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# YOUR INVOLVEMENT

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# Acropolis



# Athenians





# Cheer Team



# Dance Team



# ENVIRONMENTAL ORGANIZATION



# DELTA PHI Upsilon



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# LIST OF CLUBS AND ORGANIZATION ON CAMPUS

(according to whittier.edu)

## **ARTS-RELATED**

Music Business Club  
Photography Club

## **ACTIVITIES & SPORTS**

Breakdancing Club  
Cheer Squad  
Dance Team  
Martial Arts Club  
Ski and Snowboard Club  
Student Athletic Advisory Committee (SAAC)  
Ultimate Frisbee  
Wickets & Bails (Cricket Club)

## **AFFINITY CLUBS**

Akwaaba  
Asian Students Association  
Bisexual, Gay, and Lesbian Alliance for Diversity (BGLAD)  
Black Student Union (BSU)  
Hispanic Students Association (HSA)  
Hawaiian Islander Club (HIC)  
Movimiento Estudiantil Chicano/a de Aztlan (M.E.Ch.A.)  
Native American Student Association (NASA)

## **FIELD/major-RELATED**

Biology Club  
Chemistry Club  
Les Copians (French Club)  
Organization Mondiale pour L'Education Presolaire (OMEP)  
Psychology Club  
Social Work Council  
Society of Physics Students  
Sociology Club  
Spanish Club  
Students for Community Medicine

## **GENERAL INTEREST**

Artorian Order Of The Knights Of Pendragon (AOKP)  
International Club

## **MEDIA OUTLETS**

KPOET Radio  
Acropolis Yearbook  
Quaker Campus  
Lit Review  
Video Production Club  
Beta Beta Cappa (BBC)

## **SERVICE RELATED**

Circle K  
Community Garden Club  
Rebirth: Students Rebuilding New Orleans  
Rotaract Club

## **STUDENT GOVERNMENT**

ASWC Council of Representatives (fall 07)  
ASWC Senate (spring 08)  
Media Council

## **POLITICALLY-MINDED & ACTIVIST CLUBS**

Activism Coalition  
College Democrats  
Feminism Club  
International Relations Club  
Richard M. Nixon Republican Club  
Students Taking Action Now: Darfur (STAND)

## **SPIRITUAL ASSOCIATION**

Jewish Student Union  
Newman Club  
Whittier College Christian Fellowship (WCCF)



### **Student Population**

Student to Faculty Ratio: 12 to 1

Average Class Size: 19

Student Body: 1,300+ students from more than 40 U.S. states and 25 countries

65% of students are from California while 5% of students are international

Campus spread out over 75 acres

Over 100 professors instructing in over 30 fields of study

100% of our classes are taught by professors

Fully accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC)

Whittier College has more than 60 active and operating student organizations, club sports, special interest groups, media and publications, and 10 societies - our own version of fraternities/ sororities.

### **Most Popular Majors**

Social Sciences: 26%

Business/Marketing: 15%

Biology: 11%

Psychology: 8%

Parks And Recreation: 7%

Visual and Performing Arts: 6%

Family and Consumer Sciences: 5%

Foreign Languages and Literature: 5%

### **A look at our Professors:**

Most Energetic Lecturer:

Les Howard (Workshop in Urban Studies)

Favorite Field Study:

Studying the art and architecture of Rome during Jan Term in Italy

Quirkiest Assignment:

Recreating the HUAC hearings

Most Festive Campus Event:

Mona Kai(luau on campus)

Most Interesting Student/Faculty Research Project:

Snake Venom Research with Dr. Devinimoto

Best Visiting Speaker:

Isabel Allende, author of The House of the Spirits, and Zorro: A Novel

(according to whittier.edu)

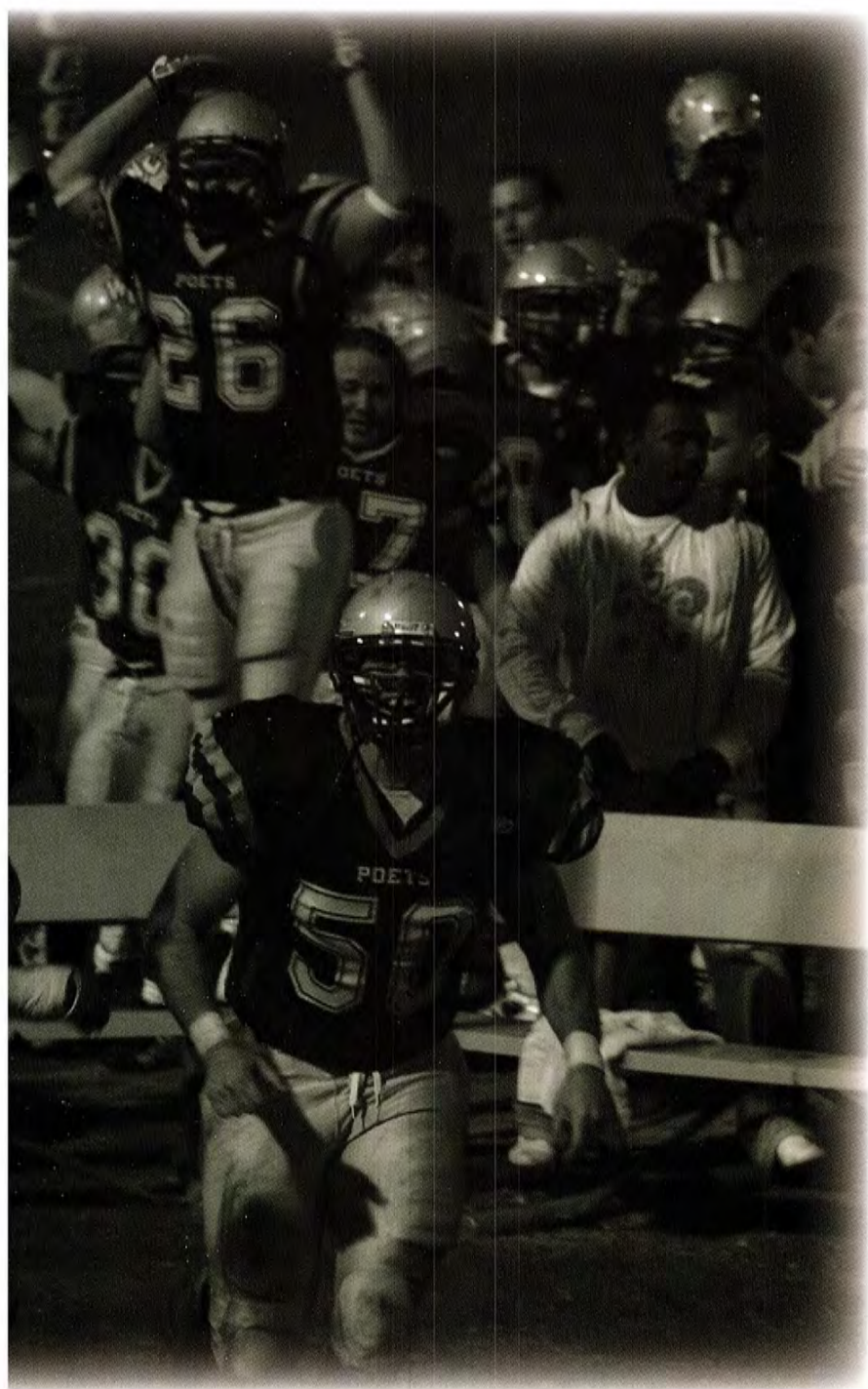
WHITTIER BY THE NUMBERS







# YOUR GAME







## Bringing Back the Shoes

After six years the shoes return to Whittier!

It was the last home game of the season, and for fifteen guys on the team it was the last chance to try to bring back the shoes. On November 10, Whittier College met their rivals, the Occidental Tigers, here at Memorial Field. The stands were full of students, the Poet Pit having attracted a large number of students all wearing the purple Poet Pit shirts. Even before the game started you could tell that this was a game not to be missed.

With the opening plays under way both Occidental and Whittier scored, proving that although Occidental may have been ranked #24, Whittier was going to give them a run for the shoes.

The entire game was one that kept many fans on their feet, the score was within one point at half time. But Whittier took charge during the third quarter outscoring Occidental 20-0. With the shoes in view, Whittier took to the field for the final quarter and any fan left in their seats took to their feet.

The final quarter started with a gap, but with three minutes left in the game the gap was starting to close. However, Whittier was able

to keep their lead and keep the ball out of the hands of Occidental.

After a three hour and forty minute game the clock stopped and the game was over: Whittier had beaten Occidental by a close six points. But that six points meant one thing, the shoes were back. The team charged the Occidental bench and took the shoes parading them around the field. After having the gone for 6 years, they are finally back in their rightful place, Whittier College.

The game was an amazing success for all of the players; not only were the shoes back but Josh Scurlock finished with 443 yards on 25 out of 40 passes with 7 touchdowns and only 2 interceptions. Pomponio rushed for 120 yards on just 13 carries, even completing a 72 yard touchdown run. Briggs caught 10 passes for 140 yards and 3 touchdowns. Ollison caught 6 receptions for 163 yards and had 3 touchdowns. Cullina also caught 6 passes, for 71 yards and a touchdown. Castelo had 7 tackles, a sack and a forced fumble. MacNeil had 4 tackles and a 35-yard interception that lead to a touchdown.

We welcome back the shoes and we know they are here to stay!



**"With the shoes in view, Whittier took to the field for the final quarter and any fan left in their seats took to their feet."**





Scoreboard	Carthage	35-38, L
	Puget Sound	28-26, W
	Pomona-Pitzer	28-7, W
	California Lutheran	44-7, L
	Chapman	38-20, L
	La Verne	31-28
	Claremont-Mudd-Scripps	50-21, L
	Redlands	59-6, L
	Occidental	67-61, W





# Scoreboard

Claremont-Mudd-Scripps	3-1, L
Cal. Lutheran	3-0, L
Redlands	3-0, L
Occidental	3-1, L
La Verne	3-0, L
Cal Tech	3-0, W
Pomona- Pitzer	3-0, L
Claremont- Mudd- Scripps	3-0, L
Cal Lutheran	3-0, L
Redlands	3-0, L
Occidental	3-2, W
La Verne	3-0, L
La Sierra	3-0, W
Cal Tech	3-0, W
Pomon- Pitzer	3-0, L



## Ace Here and a Spike There girls volleyball starts over this year

Taking to the court this year, the women's volleyball team started off strong. With a new head coach this year, Ali Oliver looked to build off of last year's team. With ten returning players as well as a few new additions this year's volleyball team looked to be the strongest yet.

The girls started the season with a taste of what was to come. They trained for weeks before their first match, working not only on their court skills such as serving, passing and hitting, they also worked on their endurance. They

trained in the weight room as well as outside, running the streets of Whittier and the sand dunes at the beach.

The season started off strong, the girls played their heart out in all of their games showing their ability on the court. This was the first year since 2004 that the Whittier Women's Volleyball team was not swept by

**"Ending the season, the girls won their last two home games which, inevitably, was bitter sweet for the seven seniors that graduated"**

Claremont-Mudd-Scripps. They also went head-to-head with Occidental this year, only proving that the football team was not the only team at Whittier that would give the Tigers a run for the money. The girls also took some time off of their regular season play to head down to San Antonio, Texas to get in some much needed competition. It was here they played the nationally ranked Trinity University.

In the end the season was a success for the girls, they did better than last season building off of their old skills and working as a team. Ending the season, the girls won their last two home games which, inevitably, was bittersweet for the seven seniors that the team graduated.

Each of these girls had worked their hardest on the team whether they came on as freshmen or transferred in during their years here at Whittier. We congratulate them on great season and wish them luck as they are just beginning.











# Scoreboard

Principia	6-0, L
Chapman	9-0, L
San Diego Christian	10-0, L
Claremont-Mudd-Scripps	9-0, L
Cal. Lutheran	8-0, L
Redlands	10-0, L
Pomona-Pitzer	7-0, L
Chapman	8-0, L
La Verne	2-1, L
Occidental	5-0, L
Claremont-Mudd-Scripps	6-0, L
Cal. Lutheran	3-0, L
Redlands	8-0, L
Pomona-Pitzer	9-0, L
UC Santa Cruz	6-0, L
Occidental	10-0, L
La Verne	4-1, L
La Sierra	7-0, L







## Taking it to the Net Women's Soccer Starts New

This was a season of new beginnings for the Women's Soccer team here at Whittier College. With only six returning players the team began with the challenge of recreating a team. This challenge fell on the head coach Nicole Gervais, who, herself, was a stand-out soccer player at Principia College and a St. Louis Intercollegiate Athletic Conference Hall of Famer. With three co-captains, Ashley Phipps, Brittany Kunz and Alex Guevara, the soccer team started over. They recruited incoming freshman as well as looked to other Whittier students who had previously played either for Whittier or other schools in previous years.

While the team may not have won a game this season, it was a rebuilding year and the girls made significant improvements over

the season which sets them up for seasons to come. They only graduated three seniors, Jenna Walton, Janine Forster and Kourtney Sexauer and have gained a significant number of players who are going to make a great impact on the next year.

**"Having to rebuild the team from coaching staff to the players, this years soccer team proves the power of the Poets."**

As for stand out players and events this year, freshman Ameshia Hamlet was named to the All-SCIAC first team for her stellar performance throughout the season. The girls had a few games, especially the game against La Verne that came close. There were moments during many of the games that kept both players and fans at the edge

of their seats.

Having almost started from scratch this season. Having to rebuild the team from coaching staff to the players, this years soccer team proves the power of the Poets.











## Scoreboard

Sat. Sept. 15 - Westmont Invitational  
Sat. Sept. 22 - Golden West Invitational  
Sat. Oct. 13 - SCIAC Multi Dual Championship  
Sat. Oct. 27 - SCIAC Finals  
Sat. Nov. 10 - NCAA Division III West Regional  
Sat. Nov. 17 - NCAA Division III Championships

## Taking the Long Route

Cross Country brings a whole new meaning to running for pleasure

The Whittier College Cross Country Team has been known around the regions since about the time of the college's founding as a skilled and organized team who will do anything to help each other out. This past season has been no different for the Whittier runners. The 2007 women's team was led by sophomore Darlene Partida who earned All-SCIAC honors last season. Also returning for the Poets is 2004 all-conference runner senior Julia Tyack and junior Adrianna Durflinger, who was one of the Poets most consistent runners on the course last year. Likewise, the men's cross country team saw a return of last years runners. While the 2007 men's squad graduated three of their top seven runners from a year ago and sent two more to study abroad this season, the team was anything but lacking with the addition of new freshman runners. Leading the way for the freshman runners were all-conference hopefuls sophomore Raphael Rodriguez and senior Nick Daum.

At the September 15 Westmont Invitation in Santa Barbara, California, the men's team had just four

runners, not qualifying them for team scores. However, the women were able to make a sixth place finish with 158 points in the eight-team invite. This comes as a reminder that while running as a team may be enjoyable and a boost for personal morale, running can always be

done as a solo routine. But the women's team excellence did not stop there. Sophomore Darlene Partida continued her 2006 All-SCIAC form as the medalist for the Poets with a 16th place finish and a time of 20:50 in the 5k race, the 6th fastest time in Whittier history.

Continuing her running streak, Darlene Partida earned All-SCIAC

**"Of course it isn't always easy, but at the same time running is an escape from classes and our hectic, daily lives."**

**Bryce Holewinski '10**

honors at the SCIAC Cross Country Championships at La Mirada Park on October 27, finishing third place to lead the women's team to sixth place in the meet. The Whittier men finished in seventh with senior Nick Daum as the fastest Poet with a 39th place finish and a time of 28:59. Freshmen Thomas Martinez and Bryce Holewinski finished in 54th and 56th place (respectively) on the 8,000-meter course.





## Sprinting Down the Field

Men's Soccer Hard work & determination pay off

The men's soccer team has had its ups and downs over the years, but the 2007 season proved that over time strength and unity within a team will result in a very successful season and the personal experiences of the team played a large role. Throughout the season, practices intensified and emotions ran high, but the team stuck through it and produced a well-balanced team.

Being involved on campus helps students feel more pride and produce more school spirit over the years. Being on both the men's soccer and baseball teams, Kody Seminara shows that the balance between sports, academic, and social life has shown me that Whittier College experience rather interesting.

My overall experience playing on the Whittier Men's Soccer Team was one I will never forget. As with most competitive teams, we definitely had our ups and downs. The first year I played soccer as a Poet, we only had 14 players making it rather tough, and often physically grueling, to play 15 games. My second year we

had talent, but also a new coach, and this was a difficult change for the program. Finally, in my senior year, we had what I determined to be a good team but as fate would have it, it just wasn't our year. I must say that these rough times did not hinder the good experiences I had on the soccer field.

**"My overall experience playing on the Whittier Men's Soccer Team was one I will never forget."**  
**— Kody Seminara**

The guys I played with were truly some of the most humorous guys I have been around. From the onset of my time with the soccer program, my teammates and I got along. As a result of the hard games played and the varying experiences we were faced with, we became a closer and better team both on and

off the field.

Subsequently, my time playing for the Men's Soccer Team was great. I had the opportunity to play at the college level for two great coaches and with many talented athletes, and do very well. Playing soccer at Whittier College definitely instilled school pride in my overall college experience.

- Captain Kody Seminara '08





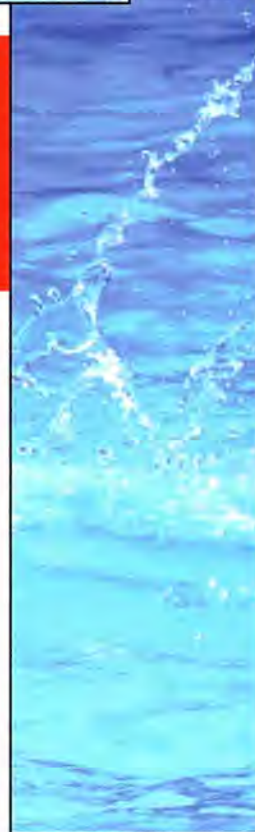


## Scoreboard

	YOUR GAME
San Diego Christian	2-1, L
Wilamette	3-2, L
Colorado College	9-1, L
CMS	8-0, L
Cal Lutheran	3-0, L
Redlands	1-0, L
Pomona- Pitzer	2-2, T
Cal Tech	2-1, W
La Verne	4-1, L
Chapman	3-0, L
Occidental	4-1, L
Cal Lutheran	3-0, L
Redlands	4-1, L
Pomona Pitzer	1-0, W
Cal Tech	1-0, L
CMS	2-1, L
Occidental	1-0, L
La Verne	4-1, L







# Spending some time in the Water

## Men's Waterpolo: a year in transition

With the end of the 2006 season, the fate of Whittier Water Polo was uncertain. After a decade at the helm, legendary Coach Mitch Carty '96 stepped down as head coach of both the men's and women's teams. During his tenure, Carty led the Poets to their highest ever ranking in Division III, and coached the men's team to a SCIAC title in 2004. With Carty's departure Justin Pudwill, a former assistant coach at Occidental was brought on as the new Men's head coach.

With little in the way of recruiting time, coach Pudwill entered this season looking to work with what he had. For the 2007 season the poets returned only two Seniors, two Juniors, and three sophomores. Rounding out the roster were three Freshman and a swimmer who had never played the game. These were long odds to say the least, but Pudwill was confident that the team's problem of shorthandedness could be overcome. His solution was simple: train until you can't move. . . literally.

Beginning in late August, the Men's team began two a day practices. Seemingly unremarkable on its own, but add t-shirts and 15,000 total yards (8.5 miles) of swimming, and what was once unremarkable quickly becomes haunting. However, this seemingly excess level of training was truly essential. With seven players in the water at any given time, substitutions were few and far between. Over the course of the seasons the roster continued to shrink as two players were kicked

off for their bad attitudes and lack of commitment. With a team this small discipline was essential; there was no room for those unwilling to follow the rules.

Despite all of the adversity the Men's team achieved what should truly be considered a successful season. In

the first round of the SCIAC championships the team suffered a heart breaking loss to La Verne. However, we were able to regroup to smash the daylight out of Cal-Tech and claim seventh place.

Captained by Seniors Matt Rogers '08 and Manny Sanchez '08 the team would finish the season with an overall record of 9-20, going 3-7 in conference play. In honor of his outstanding play goalkeeper Matt Brammer '09 was selected to the All-SCIAC second team. He would end the season finish with 306 saves, the third highest in all levels of the NCAA. Also recognized were Matt Rogers '08 and Chris Villanueva '09 as All-SCIAC honorable mentions. Villanueva would end the season ranked 6th in the NCAA among scorers with 83 goals, Rogers would rank 23rd with 60.

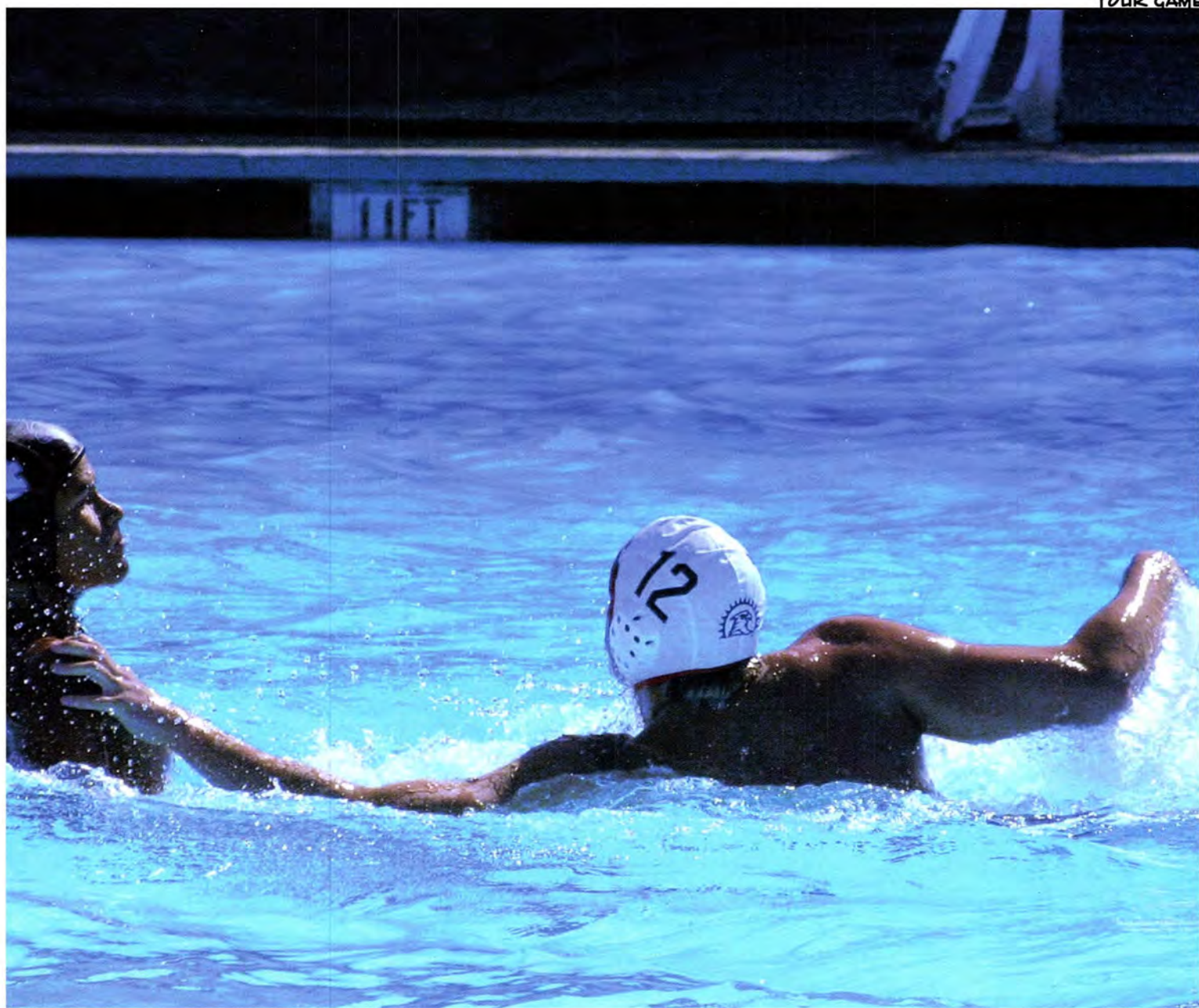
Truly a year in transition, the 2007 season proved both challenging and rewarding. With the hopeful addition of several new recruits the Men's team is ready to get back to its winning in 2008.

-Sam Benedum '09

**"His [Coach Pudwill] solution was simple: train until you can't move...literally."**

**-Sam Benedum '09**





Cerritos	11-5, L
Fresno Pacific	11-9, L
CSU Fullerton	16-6, W
Chapman	11-10, W
Fordham	10-6, L
UC Davis	13-3, L
UC Santa Cruz	14-6, L
Santa Clara	12-5, L
M.I.T.	11-4, L
Santa Clara	13-4, L
Cal State Maritime	13-6, W
Concordia Univ.	14-12, L
Redlands	13-11, L
Connecticut Coll.	19-6, W
Concordia Univ.	20-14, L
Pomana- Pitzer	14-5, L
Fresno Pacific	14-12, W
La Verne	11-10, W
Occidental	11-10, L
Cal Tech	17-7, W
Cal Lutheran	11-6, L
CMS	15-11, L

### Scoreboard- Play Off Season

SCIAC Round 1-  
CMS 11-9, L

SCIAC Round 2-  
La Verne 10-9 L

SCIAC Round 3-  
Cal Tech 15-5 W



### Scoreboard- Regular Season





## Scoreboard

Fri. Nov. 30	vs. Redlands
Sat. Dec. 01	vs. Cal Lutheran
Sat. Dec. 08	vs. Chapman
Sat. Jan. 12	vs. Pomona Pitzer
Sat. Jan 19	@ Claremont-Mudd-Scripts
Sat. Jan 26	@ LaVerne
Sat. Feb. 0	@Occidental
Sat. Feb. 09	@ Cal Tech

## Championships

Feb. 21-23	SCIAC Championships
March 13-15	NCAA Championships







## Life in the Fast Lane

*In and out of the pool, the Whittier swimming and diving team is something to behold*

March was an important month for the Whittier Swimming and Diving team. With twelve students on the Women's Swim and Dive team and seven on the Men's Swim and Dive team, all years from the exiting class of '05 to the new class of '10 had representation on the lanes and on the diving board.

The Swimming and Diving season began at the end of November with back to back meets against Redlands and Cal Lutheran; and while Whittier lost both of those meets score-wise, the team did show significant improvement from prior seasons and had signs of a great, improving season from the start with solid performances and the will to improve.

And while members from both the Men's and Women's team showed skill, promise, and talent, senior Manny Sanchez stood out from the rest. Named SCIAC Male Athlete

**"Manny Sanchez not only beat his own records in the pool, but also beat records held by previous Poet swimmers and divers"**

of the Week in February, Sanchez not only beat his own records in the pool, but also beat records held by previous Poet swimmers and divers. But it was at the NCAA 2008 Swimming and Diving Championships for Division III teams in Oxford Ohio that Sanchez truly shined. Sanchez finished in the top 25 in the nation in the championships' three events held from March 19-

21. It is now Sanchez's accomplishments which future Poet swimmers and divers must aspire to reach and overcome.







## Scoreboard

Carthage	35-38, L
Puget Sound	28-26, W
Pomona-Pitzer	28-7, W
California Lutheran	44-7, L
Chapman	38-20, L
La Verne	31-28
Claremont-Mudd-Scripps	50-21, L
Redlands	59-6, L
Occidental	67-61, W



## New Girls, New Mascot: a New Season

*Women's Basketball plays hard in the name of Johnny Poet*

Like many of the other teams this year, it seems as if the women's basketball team had a year in transition as well. Having acquired multiple new players either as freshman or as transfer students from other colleges, the team seemed to start over. But even with this "starting" over atmosphere the girls had a stellar season.

They finished with a 12-13 season, the highest win total for the women's basketball program since 2002-2003.

They missed the SCIAC tournament by one game having lost to Occidental by 3 points. Even though they lost the game it was an amazing one to watch. They girls stayed with Occidental, each team leading and falling behind throughout the game. This game fell on the second annual PAC the GAC which had the gym flooded with students wearing the bright purple shirts. As for the rest of the season the girls played

their hearts out in every game. The first SCIAC game was a win over CalTech for the Poets. The ending score was 59-40 and the Poets forced 22 turnovers while CalTech only forced the Poets to turn it over 13 times.

While their skills were seen on the court during the game, it was also appreciated off the court as well. Two of the players, Kourtney Zilbert and Rosario Rios-Aguilar were named to SCIAC teams; Zilbert to SCIACs first team and Rios-Aguilar to the second team. Zilbert was also named D3Hoops.com West Region Rookie of the year. She averaged 12.1 points and 8.8 rebounds per game as well as finished

the season with seven double-doubles and was among the conference top in 15 in six categories.

In the end the Poets had a great season. They graduated four seniors but have acquired new faces who will be able to carry on the Poet name.

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## Just a few Jumpshots Men's Basketball takes to the court

This season the men's basketball team came out in full force. They ended their season with a 14-11 record, the best record since 2002-2003. Similar to the women's basketball team, the men missed the SCIAC tournament by just one game as they ended their season in 5th place. Even though they missed the tournament by one game, they made an outstanding impact on the men's basketball program this year.

In the game against the nationally ranked Cal Lutheran, Whittier knocked them off their #24 spot. They won four of their last five games, most importantly they won the PAC the GAC game against Occidental.

Over 1,500 people were in the stands that night; some for the free shirts, others for the \$10,000 half court shot and other there hoping to watch yet another Whittier team beat the Tigers. It was a game that was unbelievable to watch, the Poets were down a majority of the game and had many fans wondering if there was even a chance to win the game. But as the game played

**"With seconds left and the crowd chanting 'Just like football' Jeff McLean took the ball down court, got fouled and made his two shots which left the Poets with the lead."**

on the crowd got more enthusiastic which gave the players hope. With seconds left in the game and only a few points separating the Poets and the Tigers. Whittier sprung into action. With a minute left in the game Mike Archuletta scored a three-pointer which tied the score. With

seconds left and the crowd chanting "Just like football" Jeff McLean took the ball down court, got fouled and made his two shots which left the Poets with the lead. The Occidental inbound was intercepted by Vernon Covington who was subsequently fouled and brought to the line for two points, which were made bringing the score to 69-65. These two shots sealed the victory for the Poets and

the crowd rushed onto the court carrying with the Shoes which had been returned to Whittier by the football team.

Even though the men may not have made it to the SCIAC tournament the season was a huge success if not only for the fact that Whittier won the second annual PAC the GAC game.











## Sliding into home

Men's Baseball step into the spring season

Looking forward from last year's season, this year's men's baseball team begin the season with a field full of veteran poets as well as some new faces. Returning this year are a few SCIAC first team members as well as other strong members of the team.

The team started their season off with a three game series against #4 Chapman. Even though the ending of the series may not have been what the Poets hoped for they were still able to score a number of runs against Chapman and allowed the Poets to get into the swing of the season. Ending their season at home took on another meaning for the Poets as they swept a three game series against Occidental. In the end the Poets ended their season with an overall season of 15-24-1 and 8-13 in SCIAC which left them at 6th place.

The team had their ups and down this season but when they won they made a huge

impact. The men had key victories against nationally ranked Ithaca College, CSU east Bay and last year's SCIAC championship winners University of La Verne. They also got a 4-0 record in the 13th Annual California Classic tournament that allowed them to finish second in the 14-team field. Not only did the team play

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extremely well together on the field, individually a few members of the team stood out this season.

Chuck Acker earned a West Region Gold Glove as a center fielder as well as first team All-SCIAC honors. Anthony Cappelletti was also a first team All-SCIAC honoree. Ending the season the

team looks to the next season, but we want to congratulate the ten seniors that the team graduated this spring.





# Scoreboard

Fri. Feb 15  
Weds. Feb. 20  
Mon. March 10  
Mon. March 24  
Mon. April 14  
Tues. April 15  
Thurs. April 24  
Mon. April 28

vs. La Sierra  
@ SCIAC Round 1  
@ SCIAC Round 2  
@ SCIAC Round 3  
@ SCIAC Round 4  
vs. Chapman  
@ Cal Lutheran  
SCIAC Championship





## Scoreboard

Fri. Feb 15	vs. La Sierra
Weds. Feb. 20	@ SCIAC Round
Mon. March 10	@ SCIAC Round
Mon. March 24	@ SCIAC Round
Mon. April 14	@ SCIAC Round
Tues. April 15	vs. Chapman
Thurs. April 24	@ Cal Lutheran
Mon. April 28	SCIAC Champion



## Around the Bases Women's Softball does it again

This year the Poets Softball team gained a new head coach Jennifer Bridges, whose sister had been the head coach of the team since 2002. As a softball player herself, Bridges played for USD from 1999-2001 and she has been an assistant coach at USD since 2003. Working with the girls this season the veteran players along with the new coaching staff and the new players seemed to start over this season. The team finished in 5th place, just missing the SCIAC tournament. But, this was their second consecutive season with 20+ wins; the team ended the season a 21-17 record.

The season was a great success for the girls, they started the season off strong with a win against the nationally

ranked Chapman University and the season progressed from there. They swept Menlo, La Sierra, Wesleyan and the University of Dallas. They took all four games against Occidental and they swept University of Redlands who

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was ranked #12. In the end not only was the team having an amazing season but individual players also ended the season on a high note as well. Molly Yriarte was honored with SCIAC Rookie of the Year, Vicky Ovieda was given the honor of first team all conference and Nicole Acevedo was given the honor of second team all conference. In the end this season was a great success

and the team, graduating only two seniors looks to next season.











## Scoreboard

## SCIAC

Jan. 27	vs. Cal Baptist	L 13-7
March 1	vs. UCSC	L 10-2
March 1	vs. Cal St. East Bay	L 10-5
March 2	vs. Santa Clara	L 14-5
March 2	vs. Cal St. Monterey Bay	L 10-9
March 15	@ Marist	L 16-8
March 15	@ George Washington	W 6-5
March 16	@ Colorado College	W 20-7
March 16	@ Chapman	L 11-7
March 19	vs. Wagner	L 10-5
March 19	vs. Macalaster	W 14-2
March 22	vs. Occidental	L 9-4
March 26	@ Clarmont-Mudd-Scripts	L 11-8
March 29	@ Redlands	L 15-9
April 9	vs. La Verne	W 14-4
April 12	vs. Cal Tech	W 20-2
April 16	vs. Pomona Pitzer	L 13-6
April 19	vs. Cal Lutheran	L 11-8

vs. Clarmont-Mudd-Scripts	L 7-6 OT
vs. La Verne	L 10-9
vs. Redlands	W 9-8

# Keeping Your Eye on the Goal

*Women's water polo makes a splash!*

The Whittier College's Women's Water polo team began their season at the University of Redlands Mini-Tournament on January 27. While the Women Poets lost 13-7 to their Division I opponent, California Baptist University, they did not lose without a fight considering Whittier College typically plays against other Division III sports teams.

While this was the only January game, the team was not back into the water until March 1 when they traveled up north to the University of California, Santa Cruz for the Annual Slugfest Tournament.

At this annual water polo tournament, Whittier played against teams from across Northern California including the host school UCSC, as well as two other California State schools. And while seniors Karley Perine and Caroline Galvin scored a combined 13 goals in the four games, the women's water polo team left the UCSanta Cruz Slugfest without a win on this

March. Nevertheless, these pre-season and early season tournaments and matches are part of the conditioning and training routines which helped our lady poets prepare for the rest of their eventful season.

## "Women's Waterpolo traveled up north to participate in the annual UCSC Slugfest Tournament"

Other highlights of the season included Whittier College's Women's Water polo team first hosting meet on March 19 when Wagner and Macalester Colleges came to the Slade Aquatics Center for the Whittier Mini-Tournament. The Poets then opened their traditional season with a SCIAC play three days later against Occidental College.

While the Women's Water polo team won only four of their season games and one of their matches in the SCIAC tournament, most of their games were close calls, just points away from winning. Such close scores are just a slight indication of the dedication and commitment the players had towards their sport and are an image of the team to come in future seasons.











## Scoreboard

Fri. Feb 15	vs. La Sierra
Weds. Feb. 20	@ SCIAC Round 1
Mon. March 10	@ SCIAC Round 2
Mon. March 24	@ SCIAC Round 3
Mon. April 14	@ SCIAC Round 4
Tues. April 15	vs. Chapman
Thurs. April 24	@ Cal Lutheran
Mon. April 28	SCIAC Championship

*Just a few trick shots  
Women's Lacrosse has most successful season yet.*

Ending last year's season with more wins than they had seen since 2003, the Women's Lacrosse team was planning on taking this season by storm. Participating in Speed School in the morning as well as their own strength workouts and practicing most nights a week, the women's lacrosse team looked hopeful for this season. Returning a number of the players as well as gaining eleven new players, the team knew that it was going to be a force to be reckoned with on the field. This was proven as the girls took an 8-7 victory over Pomona Pitzer in their season-opener game.

However, one of the most memorable games that took place here at Memorial Stadium this spring was the Poets win over Denison University in overtime. With the Poets down for some of the game they prang back to life and took Denison to overtime. It was here that the Poets took charge and made sure that the game would end in their favor.

This was not the only notable game this season as this was the most successful lacrosse season in the programs history. The girls also took two of three games in Tennessee. They lost their first game in double overtime; however, if

you talk to any of the players they would tell you that had the referees called anything in their favor they could have gone undefeated in the tournament. They ended the season with a win at home which allowed the three seniors, Kourtney Sexauer, Cassidy Lake and Shari Browkowsky, graduate knowing that they had made a lasting impact on the program.

**"The season was a lot of fun, memorable moments, amazing group of people that worked hard to succeed"**

The games played here at Memorial Stadium always left the fans on the edge of their seats. The girls had a way of always playing their hearts out in the game, which always left the other teams fighting for a win. Individually, seniors Cassidy Lake and Kourtney Sexauer controlled the midfield all

season long, finishing as team leaders in points, groundballs and draws. Sophomores Emily Mukai and Ana Garcia, who took rookie of the year, paced the offensive attack while Jessica Farrell and Conny Joel split time in goal. For some on the team there were memorable moments all season long, the muddy Tennessee tournament, unfair judges, and team injuries but as, freshman Tessa Padilla recounts, "the season was a lot of fun, memorable moments, amazing group of people that worked hard to succeed." And succeed they did!













## Scoreboard

Feb. 16	vs. Notre Dame de Namur	W 9-7
Feb. 23	vs. Grand Canyon	W 27-0
March 10	vs. Ithica	L 12-7
March 19	vs. Kenne St. (OT)	L 9-8
March 28	@ Goucher	L 11-8
March 30	@ Roanoke	L 11-8
April 2	@ Lynchburg	L 16-6



## Craddling the ball Men's Lacrosse full of action and injury

This season of lacrosse held some high expectations for the players. Last season had some upsets for the Poets as they lost many of their games in overtime, so with hard work and determination in their pre-season practices the men built up a team that did not feel the need to be let down if they ended in overtime. Second year head coach Nate Watkins brought in some talented freshman and worked with his returning players to build a strong lacrosse team.

This hard work definitely paid off as the team had an amazing season with one of the toughest schedules of any Division III team. The men started on a hot streak in winning six of their first seven games, only losing to Ithaca College, which is ranked #8. Just as the women's lacrosse team head east for a

tournament, so did the men. They spent their spring break playing in a four game road trip against #16 Roanoke, #4 Lynchburg, Goucher and Marymount. Unfortunately the poets had some injuries which aided in their defeats against all but Marymount during their road trip along the east coast.

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In the end the poets had a great season winning 7 of their 15 games. Individually players had unbelievable seasons, junior midfielder Anthony Lackey finished with 43 points, he had 36 goals and 26 assists, senior Kevin McCarroll finished with 16 goals and ten assists and junior goalie made 119 saves during the season. The team also graduated eight seniors leaving behind a legacy for the

men's lacrosse program. Looking up from last season, rebuilding their team and adding players who made a name for themselves only has to Poets looking forward to next season.





## Scoreboard

Sat. Feb. 09	@ Caltech
Sat. Feb. 16	@ Pomona-Pitzer
Sat. Feb. 23	@ Rossi Relays
Sat. March 01	@ SCIAC Invitational
Sat. March 08	@ Peace Invitational
Fri. March 14	@ Oxy Distance Carnival
Sat. March 15	@ SCIAC Four Way Meet
Sat. March 22	@ PLNU Invitational
Fri. March 28	@ CA/NV Championships
Sat. March 29	@ CA/NV Championships
Sat. April 05	@ Pomona-Pitzer Invitational
Sat. April 12	@ SCIAC Multi-Duals
Fri. April 25	@ SCIAC Prelims
Sat. April 26	@ SCIAC Championship
Sat. May 10	@ Occidental Invitational
May 22-24	NCAA Championships







## Just a hop, jump and a skip

Track and Field makes a name for itself

Having come off of an incredible previous season, this season still looks to improve on the 7th place conference finish last year. Bringing back a number of competitors including some of the 13 all conference performers and one All-American, this years team had a number of Poets looking to make a name for themselves in the track and field arena.

As an interesting sport, one that works both on team endurance as well as individual strength, there is much to say about this seasons Poets. As whole the track and field team, both men and women

continued to boost the track and field name amongst SCIAC. Five women earned All-SCIAC honors in nine events. Three men mad All-SCIAC in four events. The women ended the season in 6th place while the men ended the season in 8th.

**"As whole the track and field team, both men and women continued to boost the track and field name amongst SCIAC."**

As individuals a number of Poets stood out this season and each made a huge impact on the track and field program here on campus. For the women's team Kashima Partridge had a record-breaking performance in long jump at a competition against Occidental where she set a record of 17'9. 5". In the Heptathlon Rosario Rios-Aguilar and Kashima Partridge had amazing performances, which allowed them to provisionally qualify for the NCAA championships. At the Championship, two members of the team, Shuree Gangloff and TC Collymore won titles. Gangloff won the conference championship in the discuss and Collymore took home the triple jump title. Gangloff

won the discuss was a mark of 137'11" and Collymore's jump was marked at 46' 6.75" which was a qualify mark and personal best.

Only graduating five seniors this spring allows the Poets to build their team and look forward to next year's events.





# Bringing the Game to the Net

Whittier's women's tennis team brings spirit and  
spunk to the court

As many sports were rebuilding their seasons this year, the women's tennis team was no exception. Having only lost one senior to graduation last this team looked to build of previous strengths as well as worked with some new faces to bring experiences to the team. Concluding their season, the women's team picked up three more wins then last season that had them finishing 3-14 before heading to the SCIAC Championships. These wins also led them to finish 7th in the division.

The women won both matches against rival La Sierra University and they also beat opponent Caltech as well. Individually the women made an impact on the court. The team was lead by seniors Jennifer Pigott, Emily Friedhoff, Christa Rainville and Megan Wingo. The teams most valuable player and senior Jennifer Pigott

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advanced to the round of 16 at the Ojai Tennis Championship. She beat out players from schools such as Biola and Master's College before losing to the tournaments #3 seeded player. This was the best performance by a Whittier woman at Ojai ever. Also, junior Bibi Gonzalez received most improved player while freshman Brenda Santana received rookie of the year. Senior Emily Friedhoff ended the

season by explaining "While it was yet another rebuilding year, the team improved greatly and as always we had a blast!"



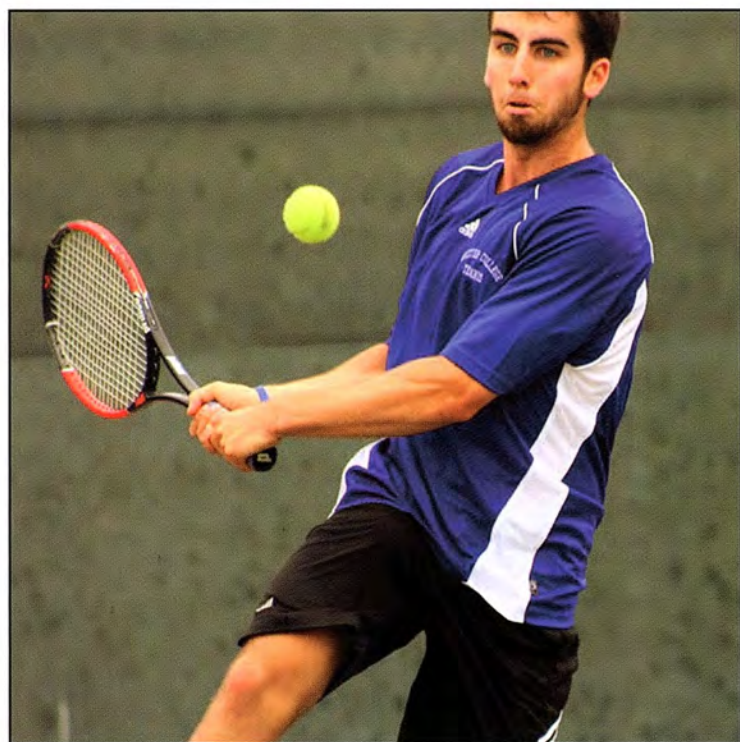




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Colorado College	9-1, L
CMS	8-0, L
Cal Lutheran	3-0, L
Redlands	1-0, L
Pomona- Pitzer	2-2, T
Cal Tech	2-1, W
La Verne	4-1, L
Chapman	3-0, L
Occidenal	4-1, L
Cal Lutheran	3-0, L
Redlands	4-1, L
Pomona Pitzer	1-0, W
Cal Tech	1-0, L











## Behind the Racket

*Men's tennis puts forth the effort to make this the best season yet!*

The Whittier College Men's Varsity Tennis Team had its best season in many years. The Poets finished the 2007-2008 season with an overall record of 9-12. This year the tennis team was much more competitive with the top schools in the conference. This year was also special because it was the first year that Whittier traveled out-of-state to play tennis. Over Spring Break the men's tennis team traveled to Portland, Oregon to play four different colleges. In Oregon the team had great success playing both indoors and outdoors and finished the road trip with a record of 3-1.

**"This year was special because it was the first year that Whittier went out-of-state to play tennis"**

Being on the tennis team is a lot of hard work and it takes a great commitment from the student-athletes. There is a short six week season in the fall which leads up to the fall ITA west regional tournament. The spring season is incredibly long and lasts from the beginning of Jan term and goes until the very end of April culminating with the SCIAC and Ojai tournaments. At these tournaments the Poets face some of the best teams and tennis players in the West. The men's tennis team is very young and hopes to build upon this year's success in the future and become a top 30 team.

-Danny Benesch '10

### Scoreboard

Sat. Sept. 15 - Westmont Invitational  
Sat. Sept. 22 - Golden West Invitational  
Sat. Oct. 13 - SCIAC Multi Dual Championship  
Sat. Oct. 27 - SCIAC Finals  
Sat. Nov. 10 - NCAA Division III West Regional  
Sat. Nov. 17 - NCAA Division III Championships





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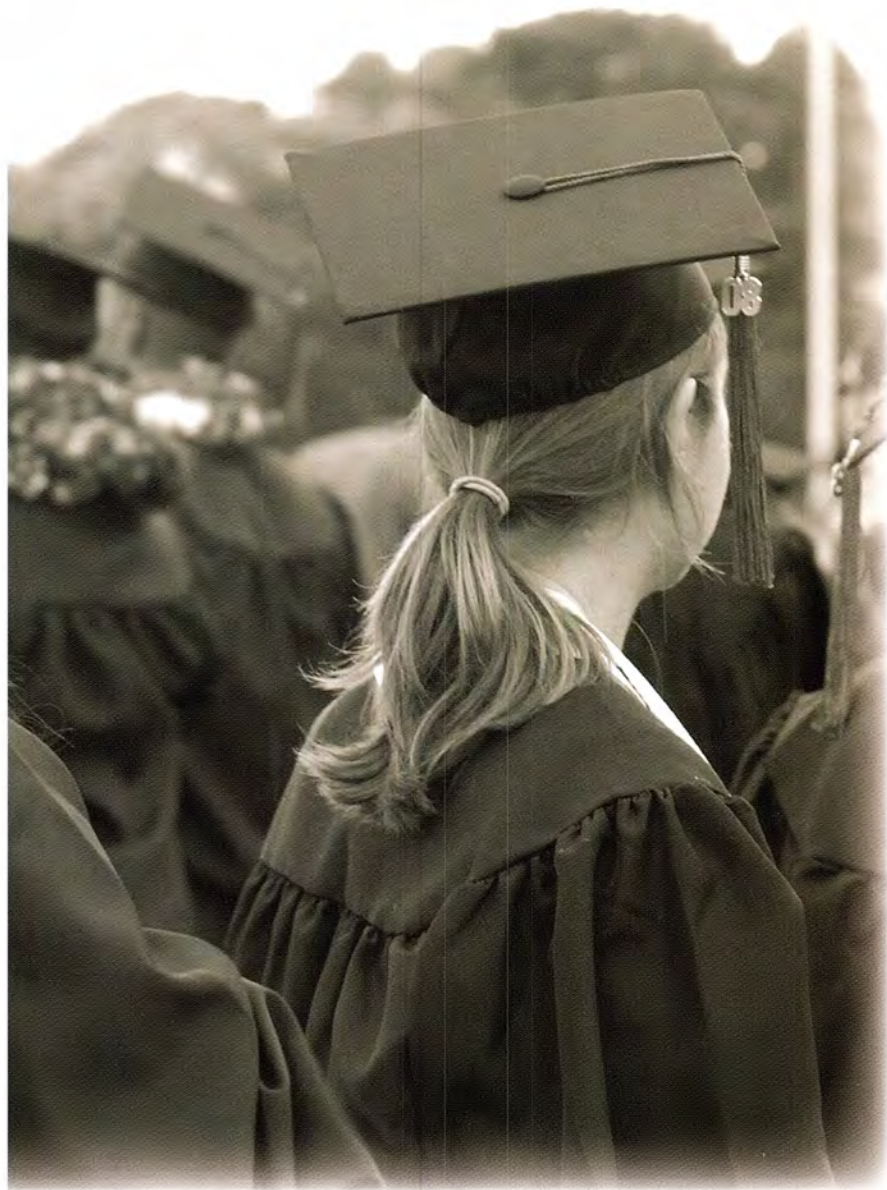
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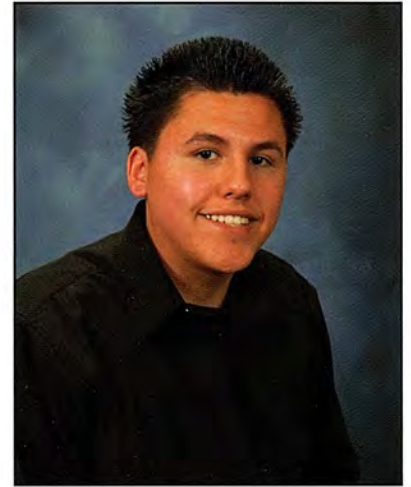




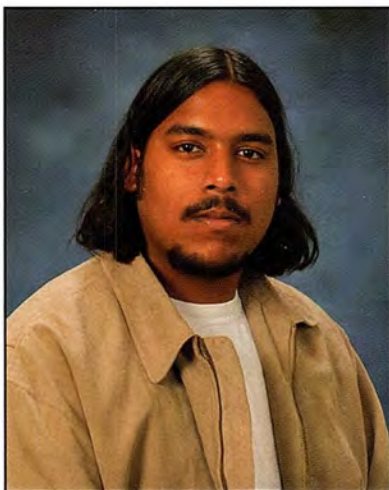
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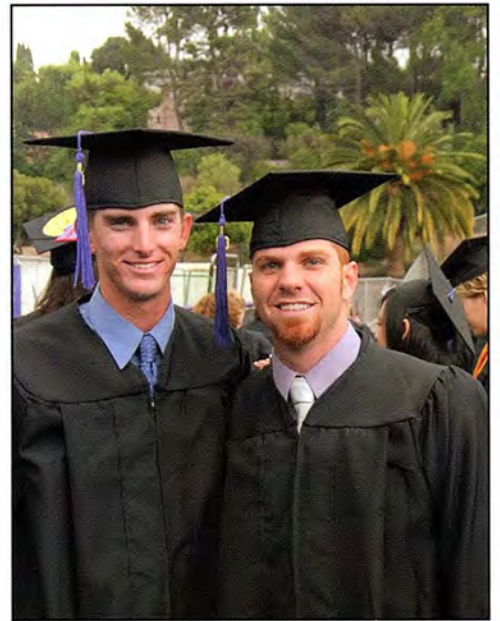


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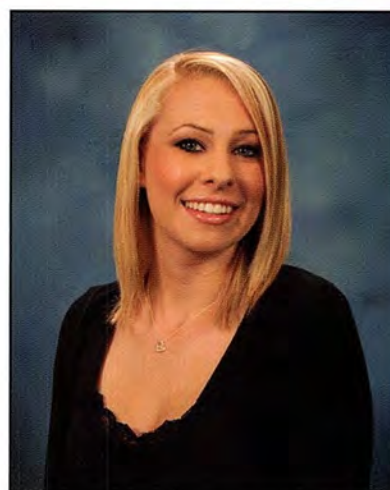




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# The Last Hike up the Hill

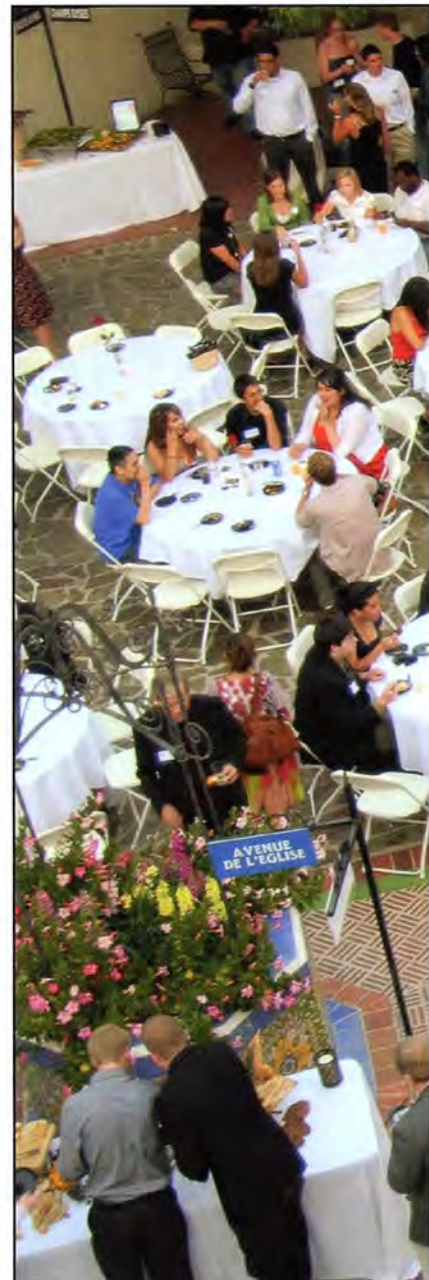
## Seniors dine at the President's House one last time

Freshman year, in our orientation groups we hiked together up the hill to the President's house. It was one of our first nights on campus, we were surrounded by new face. For some, these people would be floor mates, team mates, sisters, brothers, classmates, or close friends. But for everyone, some of these people would become our family. Four years later, we hiked up that hill one final time, this time the faces were as familiar as the back of our hands. We joked, gossiped, talked about future plans (or for some, avoided the subject like the plague.) In any case, this was the final hike we would make up that hill. We started our life here at Whittier with a dinner at the President's house and that night we ended our life here as well.

With the final senior dinner taking place, senior dressed to impress and

flooded the courtyard of the Wardman House. With amazing food, good friends and a night full of laughter and some tears, the students made sure they took everything in. The senior dinner was described by Senior Christy Arrington as "romantic and sweet and a great community dinner to send us off to graduation."

As always the dinner was catered with plenty of food stations around the courtyard a treats from all over the world. Music was played all evening to keep the students entertained and, in Whittier fashion, a few speeches were made as well. The night ended, and students sauntered out of the house with a lot on their mind. The night was a great way for students to end their careers here at Whittier.













# A tassel well worth the hassle

## 105th Commencement Ceremony

It started out just like any other day . . . well not exactly. Instead of it being a sunny, warm southern California day in May, it was a cold and wet morning. But in any case the graduates lined the baseball field smiling and chatting away. Everyone was dressed in their black gowns; some still wearing their fun summer outfits while others wore scarves and held umbrellas.

Each and every one of them was ready for what was about to come—graduation! Whether they were walking to receive their BA or their Masters the students anxiously awaited their clocks to hit 9 o'clock. As the big hand hit 12, the faculty could be spotted walking across the baseball holding umbrellas to keep them dry as the rain began to appear. Many of the students just smiled as they wished they too were holding umbrellas to protect them from the rain but just as fast as it started to rain, it stopped. That is not to say that it cleared and was a beautiful day, but the rain itself stopped.

The students processed into the stadium walking through their professors

who, until now had guided them through their education. They took their seats and the ceremony started. For many it seemed like a blur and for other it was an amazing experience. As senior Raye Raye Thomas remembers "It was amazing to look out in the crowd and see all the people and when you looked at the graduated you never every person out there." The graduation started with an introduction by President Herzberger and then came the student address and the guest speaker. Leovijlida Nuñez spoke about her experience here at Whittier, finally finding herself after "losing herself." In the end she reminded all of us to "not get lost," words of advice that many students pondered as the ceremony progressed.

The next speaker was Dr. Michael Sherman; whose speech titled "The Meaning of Life, the Universe and Everything" included jokes and his personal explanation of events raining from 9/11 to his thoughts on spirituality. In the end, his speech made everyone in attendance laugh while pondering the greater lessons of life. Even as students began to shiver from the cold the ceremony never seemed to drag on as the student began to walk across the stage to receive their hard earned diplomas. Senior Sarah McKee stated simply the ceremony was "cold, wet and DEFINITELY worth it!" In the end the ceremony ended but not until everyone got to their feet and yelled "Fear the Poet."

As the students made their way to the baseball field a plethora of thoughts ran through their head including ideas about what they were going to wear to Radisson Party later that night to what they were going to do for the rest of their lives. But even with these thoughts running through their head they clutched their diplomas and ventured back to the baseball field to meet with friends, family and professors to take photos and say goodbye.













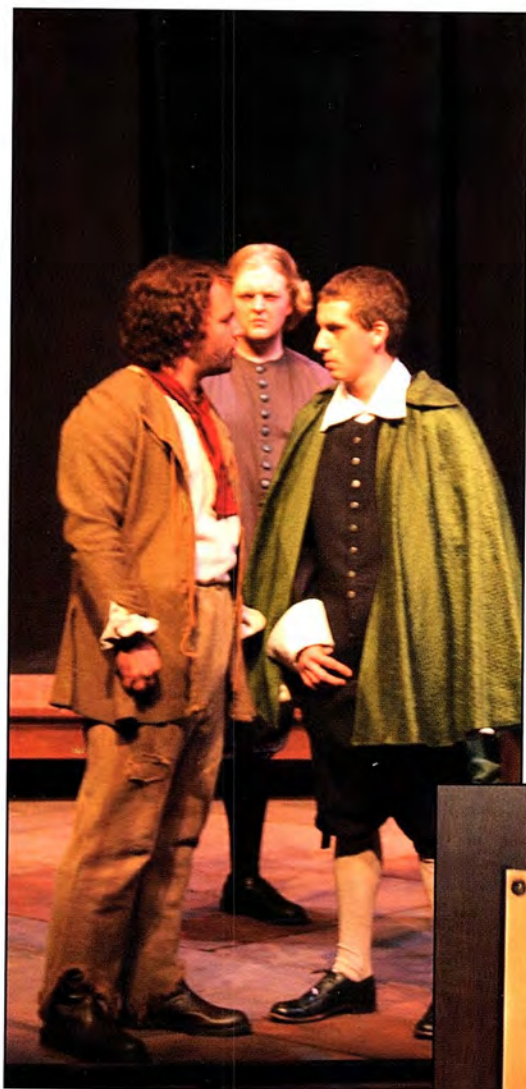
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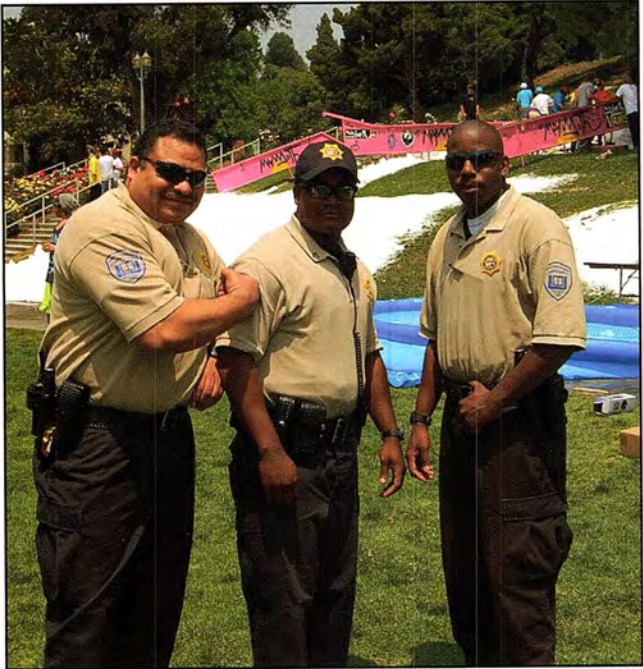








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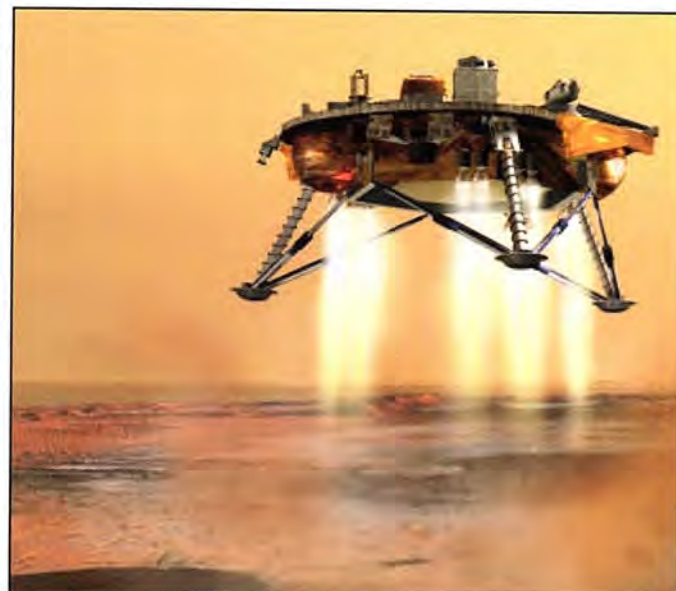




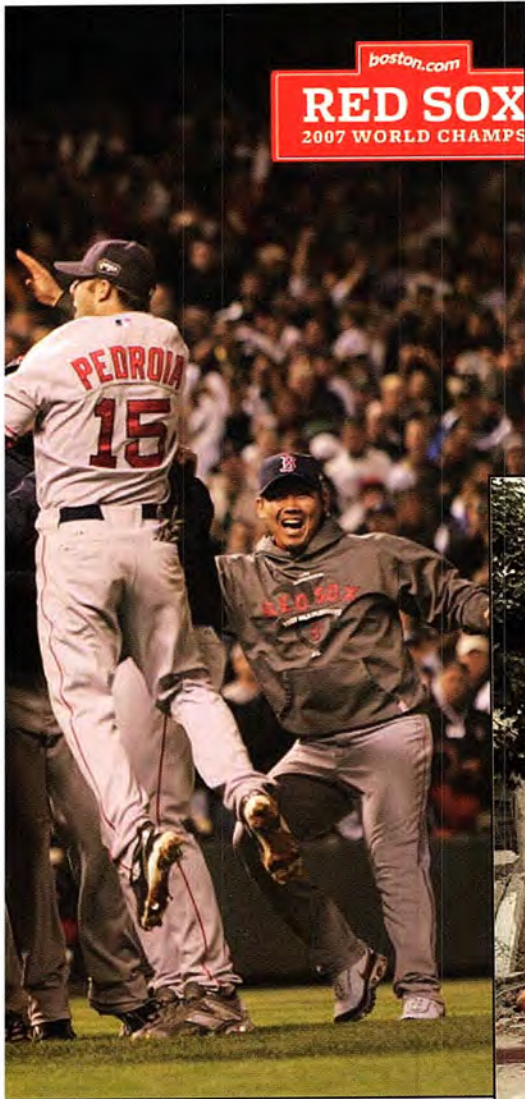
# A Year in Review 2007-2008



- ~ Hilary Clinton was the first woman to run a presidential campaign against the first black male Barack Obama. Obama became the democratic nominee.
- ~ Mitt Romney and John McCain both ran in the republican primary election; McCain became the democratic nominee.
- ~ On May 12, 2008 an 8.0 earthquake hit China killing thousands and displaced millions from their homes.
- ~ Al Gore and the IPCC won the Nobel Peace Prize for their work in fighting Global Warming.
- ~ The Summer Olympic Games were to be held in China which caused huge protests around the world due to China's effect in both Darfur and Tibet.
- ~ The Red Sox overcame their "curse" and won the World Series.
- ~ The New England Patriots held a 16-0 undefeated season until they lost the Super Bowl to the New York Giants.
- ~ Daniel Day-Lewis won the Academy Award for Best Actor in a leading role, Marion Cotillard won for Best Actress and No Country For Old Men won for Best Picture.
- ~ The Writers Guild of America went on strike from November 2007 until February 2008 causing many television shows to go on a three month hiatus until the strike was concluded.
- ~ NASA launched the Phoenix Lander on August 4, 2007. It had a successful landing on Mars on May 25, 2007. It is the sixth successful landing on Mars.









# GOOD BYE & GOOD LUCK!!!!!!

**Whittier College says good bye to Director of Student Activities Barney Peake (and his bird, Sasha).**



For your countless hours of support, involvement, and for all the laughs . . . thank you! We realize how much you put into Whittier College and we thank you from the bottom of our hearts. We will miss you more than you can know. Good Luck in the future and make us proud!!!



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**To all others on campus-** thank you for trusting us to produce this book for your records and for any input that has helped along the way!

## Congratulations to the Seniors!!!!

We wish you the best of luck in all you decide to do!

Follow your heart and do what makes you smile everyday!

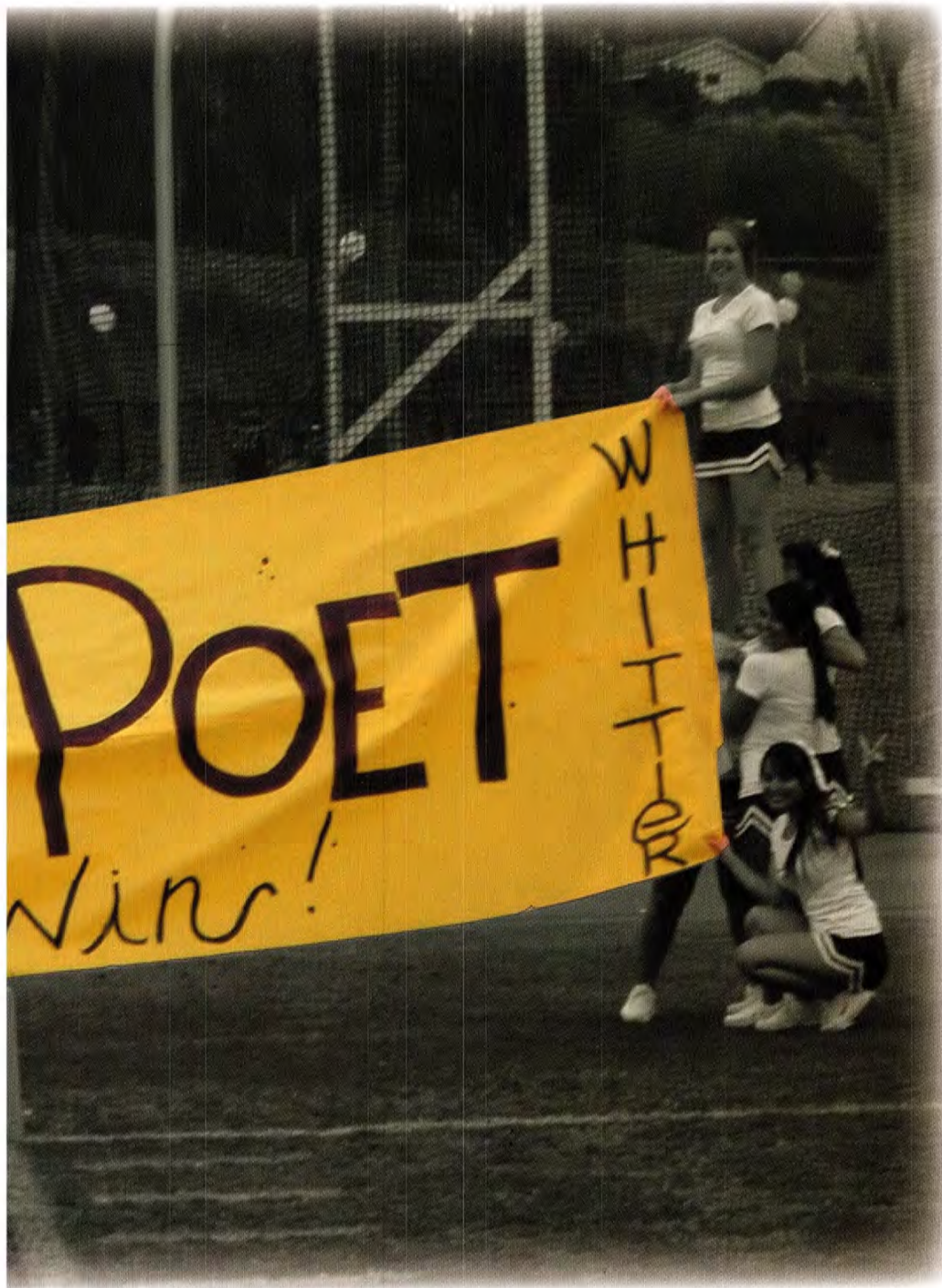
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The Acropolis Staff*



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**EDITOR'S NOTE:** I cannot believe that I have completed four years here at Whittier College. It seems like just yesterday that I first stepped on to this campus and met people who would shape and, inevitably, change my life. But in these four years I have gotten involved in a number of different things here on campus, but if you talk to any one of my friends they can tell you how involved and invested I have been in this book. Four years ago I came to Whittier wanting to help out with the book, and after one year on staff I was given the opportunity to take on editorship and make the book my own. I have tried my hardest to put together a book that would represent Whittier College and make people happy. I have taken staffs to conferences, I have thrown out ladders (our book structure) and revamped the whole thing, I have added pages and taken out pages and worked my hardest to make this book something Whittier College could be proud of. At conferences we meet students at huge universities where yearbook is as good as it gets, where everyone picks one up and more importantly everyone wants to be on staff. It's been another story here at, in my four years my meager staff and I have struggled time and time again to get this book out to you but we always do. This book has been a huge part of my life, there have been many days and nights spent working on it, long hours in offices in both the old student union as well as the basement of Hoover Hall but I truly believe that it is an important mainstay here on the campus. We joke that the Acropolis has been cursed with blown fuses, broken bookshelves, crashed computers, lost cameras and disappearing staff but, in the end, it is what it is: a book that reveals a year here at school. And more importantly, this book is based on you, your story and your year.

I want to thank everyone who has helped over the years putting this together, Barny and Sarah, Brynda, staff members (Sarah Miranda, Jennifer Tennille, Sarah McKee, Allyson Saca, Emily Friedhoff, Ellen Betchold, Jessica Cortez, Ali Spitz), friends, roommates, teachers and fellow peers; whether you have helped with actual yearbook work or just listened to me vent when I needed it I thank you more than you could ever know. I leave this book in the hands of someone I know can carry on the legacy, I hope that you can overcome to Acropolis curse and prove to everyone why we do what we do!

I hope that for you, yes you reading this final page of my final book, that you take this book home, show family but ultimately keep it to remember the amazing times spent here at Whittier, I know I will.

-Elizabeth Colen

Editor-in-Chief

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